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Mr Callaghan pledges early election statement

ie Prime Minister did every- ing but name the date of the rthcoming general election hen he addressed the TUC at ighton yesterday. In effect launching Labour's campaign, he hinted broadly that he will announce his intentions soon. He also insisted that pay restraint must remain. If rises exceeded 5 per cent in the coming round, the rate of inflation would rise again, although certainly not into double figures during 1978.

Lower inflation conditional on 5% pay limit

om Paul Routledge
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Mr James Callaghan effec- ely launched his general ction campaign yesterday in euphoric atmosphere of a ades Union Congress at ghton that gave him a ounding vote of confidence. he Prime Minister did every- ng but name the day in a nifesto speech that coincided h the opening of the Labour vement's effort to secure reelection. Fresh activity on r front is expected today. easoned political hands left debate on Labour's future vinced that the general elec- will be announced very n, possibly after tomorrow's inet meeting. October 5 is the most talked of date for election.

broad hint that an an- ncement is imminent came Mr Callaghan's peroration en he said: "I shall be indi- ng my intentions very rtly on this matter, and when so, I shall do it in the be- that people have come to t that this Government does flatter in its actions now to eive later."

he Prime Minister expres- "deep appreciation" for resolution calling for the rn of a Labour government h a working majority. The olution was carried by a p-throated shout of "Aye". t conference device preven- observers from seeing how ny non-political unions ab- ined, though delegates from First Division Association, resenting senior civil ser- ts, had already left the floor protest.

he appeal for total unity ind the Callaghan Adminis- ion in the hope of pulling an unprecedented hat trick three Labour general elec- is victories, was led by Mr h Scanlon, president of the algamated Union of Engi- ring Workers, whose power- oratory justly earned greater lause than the Prime ister's address. He frankly dicted difficulties over pay Labour was reelected, but ued that that would be aing in comparison with the frontation that might come r the return of a Thatcher ernment.

"Unions will have to give from their political funds until it hurts", he said. "Our strength never has been, and never will, lie in bank deposits. Our strength lies in our solidarity and the determination of *those people* we have the privilege to lead."

Election fever spread to the TUC General Council. It abandoned its last shred of political cover, calling on delegates to "vote Labour" and organize in the constituencies, despite being told by Mr Callaghan that the Government would stick to its 5 per cent pay rises, and that inflation is set to go up again.

The Prime Minister held out the prospect of five more years of trade union influence on government, conceding that there was much more to be done before Labour could claim to have created a fair and just society. He added: "But although pay is by no means the only element to inflation, it is a vital factor and, just as important, it is a factor which lies within our own control.

"Our joint agreed statement states that on this there are differences between us. It admits that we have still to reach a national consensus on these matters. *True*, but the fact that such a consensus does not exist does not diminish the responsibility of the Government. It increases it.

"Without a consensus, Britain is more likely to indulge in a scramble in which the devil takes the hindmost and the weakest go to the wall. Until we reach a consensus, and I will be the first to work with you to try to reach that consensus, the Government must state its views on what is most likely to keep inflation under control.

"You have replied that you cannot accept a centrally fixed figure of 5 per cent because what you want is free collective bargaining, and you also say that while you intend to act responsibly, and I am ready to accept that, you must be free to deal flexibly with terms and conditions of employment."

The figure for increased earnings this year was about 14 per cent, though it could be *reduced reasonably by 1 or 2* per cent because of self-financing productivity deals.

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"But the fact that earnings have gone over the 10 per cent mark is making for more difficulty than we need. This larger increase in earnings means that instead of inflation continuing to go down to below the 7 to 8 per cent level, as it would have done, it is now hovering around 8 per cent and could go a little higher, although certainly not into double figures during the rest of this year."

What happened next year *depended partly on the level of* wage settlements in the coming round, and if negotiators pushed for settlements higher than 5 per cent, "then you will be stepping on the escalator going up once again. If you accept 5 per cent in so far as other factors remain constant, then inflation will probably be lower by the end of 1979 than it is today."

He added that British companies must be quick to adapt to changing overseas consumer demands and to develop new products. "For the trade unionist, the truth is that there is no way in which low productivity and high real wages can go together for any length of time."

At the close of his speech Mr Callaghan said: "There is work for a Labour government for the next five years as long as there is a family without a home, a man or woman without a job, a sick patient waiting in a hospital queue, someone who suffers from discrimination be*cause of their colour—so long* will our work as a labour movement not be done. We go forward in partnership in that spirit and with that resolve".

There were cries of "shame" when Mr. Callaghan insisted that any reduction in the working week, a prime objective of the unions this winter, would have to be offset against the 5 per cent guidelines or should form part of a self-financing productivity deal.

Today delegates will adopt *by an overwhelming majority* a pay stance that flatly rejects any restrictive government incomes policy, and Conservative critics of the "special relationship" between the TUC and the Government are bound to seize on that division.

The basis on which the unions want to see a government returned was outlined by Mr Bryan Stanley, leader of the Post Office engineers, and a member of the Labour Party's national executive.

He said that the Government should take a more interventionist role in industry through the National Enterprise Board and the development agencies; introduce a wealth tax; increase public spending on the health service and education; ensure a fairer distribution of the nation's wealth; cut unemployment; and increase pensions.

There was practically nothing left for Mr Len Murray to do to complete the tableau of brotherly love except declare, as he did, that "the TUC is not a party-political organization". The unions were in politics, however, and had a right to form a judgment.

Our Political Editor writes: Mr Callaghan's widely expected refusal to disclose before the TUC whether and when he would go to the country turned out to be more elaborate than expected.

He departed from his prepared text to sing, somewhat tunelessly, the whole verse of Marie Lloyd's "There was I, Waiting at the church . . ." and added: "I have promised nobody that I shall be at the altar in October".

However, all that was taken as an elaborate tease. No one was shaken from his belief that *the election will be this autumn* and that its announcement is imminent. But the fashionable betting that a statement is certain to follow tomorrow's Cabinet meeting is not being backed in official circles.

One minister pointed to Mr Callaghan's immediately following passage, in which he said: "I shall be indicating my intentions very shortly . . .". Those words, the minister said, were not those of a man planning to announce that there would be *no election*.

Gracie Fields, aged 80, at Brighton yesterday with her husband, Mr Boris Alperovici. On a visit from Capri, she will open the Gracie Fields Theatre, Rochdale, on September 16.

Airline challenges Nkomo plane crash claim

m Frederick Cleary
isbury, Sept 5

aptain Patrick Travers, eral manager of Air Rhodia, vehemently denied today t his aircraft are in any way aged in military operations. le was replying at a news ference to a claim by Mr ua Nkomo, co-leader of the iotic Front, that his guer- forces shot down the Air desia Viscount on Sunday t, resulting in the loss of lives, 10 of them killed by rrillas after the aircraft hed.

r Nkomo also claimed that Rhodesia's aircraft were d for military purposes. is is a downright lie", tain Travers said. "The air- is not engaged in any itary operations, neither s it carry troops, arms, munition or supplies for this pose. It never has been."

He said the aircraft which crashed about 10 minutes after take-off from the Kariba holiday resort airport had 56 people on board, including 11 children and a crew of four.

The cargo manifest showed that no freight of any kind was carried. Captain Travers said there was no evidence at present to suggest that the aircraft had been brought down by hostile action from Mr Nkomo's or any other forces.

The message from the pilot was explicit. It said that both starboard engines were out of action. "In our opinion, had the aircraft been hit by a missile or any other weapon the crew's first reaction would have been to say so", he added. From evidence gathered so far the crew were in control of the Viscount to the point of touchdown.

"No words of mine could adequately portray the sense of complete horror and deep-rooted revulsion which is felt by the whole of the (Air Rhodesia) corporation at the wanton, brutal and bloody massacre of 10 innocent and unarmed survivors, mostly women and children, who were bludgeoned, shot and bayonetted to death by a gang of unspeakable thugs". Captain Travers said.

An intensive air and ground seek-and-destroy operation is carried out by security forces to find those responsible for the massacre.

Mr Edward Mazaiwana, a senior official of Bishop Abel Muzorewa's United African Council, said: "It is nonsense *for Nkomo to claim that on the* one hand his forces shot down the Viscount and on the other they did not kill the survivors. It was a senseless action."

The bodies of the victims were flown to the Andrew Fleming hospital in Salisbury today. So far only 14 bodies have been identified, including those of the 10 massacre victims.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: The Foreign Office expressed its shock at the incident but said it had no independent evidence of what had happened or who was responsible.

"Yet again there has been a horrible and tragic incident in Rhodesia involving innocent civilians," a statement said. "We deplore the whole incident which, once more, underlines the need to bring this disastrous war to an end by negotiation, and achieve independence and majority rule for Zimbabwe."

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Middle East rivals fly in for summit talks

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Sept 5

President Sadat of Egypt and Mr Begin, Israel's Prime Minister, flew into Washington this afternoon and were then taken by helicopter to Camp David for their summit meeting with President Carter.

On their arrival here, they both expressed their hopes for peace. Mr Sadat said the time for "worn-out ideas" was over and that "together, we shall overcome".

Mr Begin, who arrived from New York, where he had spent the night, promised "all endeavours possible to reach an agreement so that the peace process can continue and ultimately become a peace treaty".

Mr Sadat came from Paris where he had seen President Giscard d'Estaing last night. He emphasized the role of the United States: "All along we have held the view that this nation is the most qualified to *be a full partner in the peace* process. Your heritage is unique and so is your global responsibility."

He went on: "We come here at a crucial crossroads. The challenge is tremendous, but we have no choice but to accept the challenge. We cannot afford to fail the hopes of millions all over the world."

Dogwood Lodge has been prepared for Mr Sadat and Birch Lodge for Mr Begin. President Carter went to Camp David yesterday and is installed in Aspen, the largest of the guest houses there.

Camp David is run by the Navy and guarded by the Marines, and Mr Carter is counting on the silent service to keep reporters and television cameras away. The press have taken over every hotel for 20 miles around and are prepared for a long and boring wait for their story.

The summit will probably last a week, unless President Sadat walks out in a huff or *there is a crisis in Lebanon*. The Americans intend to issue a non-communicative communiqué every day and hope that the Israelis and Egyptians will resist temptations to make sure that the newspapers get the story right.

The succession of Muslim, Jewish and Christian days of rest will not disrupt the summit entirely, but ought to provide a breathing space during which the three delegations will be able to measure the real chances of achieving anything in the following couple of days.

The formal sessions of the conference will be held in strict privacy: each of the three leaders will be accompanied by a mere 10 officials. The Israelis and Egyptians have been permitted a supporting staff of 11 further people each.

There will also be private meetings between the leaders and, if the usual pattern is followed, the foreign ministers and other such officials will meet separately to draft communiqués and other supporting documents.

The Americans are approaching the summit with caution. They are trying to reconcile two parties, neither of whom can they control, in a dispute in which the Americans are themselves deeply involved.

The prospect of a new oil embargo or the invocation of the Arab's power over the dollar is enough to give anyone here nightmares. Mr Carter's need to achieve some progress at Camp David is therefore just as pressing as that of Mr Sadat or Mr Begin. Unlike his guests, however, he can only propose, not decide.

Before flying to Maryland yesterday, he told reporters that "compromises will be mandatory. Without them, no progress can be expected. Flexibility will be the essence of our hopes". He said that the United States would be a full party to the discussions, not just the honest broker the Israelis wanted.

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Strong signs of money supply fall

By John Whitmore
Financial Correspondent

Firm signs appeared yesterday that the measures introduced by the Government earlier this summer to curb excessive monetary growth are starting to work.

Banking statistics for the August banking month indicate strongly that the money supply may have reversed its recent upward trend. The full money supply figures will not be published until Thursday week, but it would seem that sterling M3, the broad-based definition of money supply, could have fallen by up to 1 per cent.

If this proves to be so, it will indicate that the authorities are successfully establishing a grip on the monetary situation and that monetary growth so far in the present financial year, will, if anything, be running below official targets.

Critics of the Government's handling of the monetary situation over the past year will be quick to argue, however, that a degree of undershoot at this stage may be no bad thing after the high rate of monetary expansion during the 1977-78 financial year, when monetary growth topped 16 per cent. The main premise of the monetarist school of economists is that this excessive growth in the money supply is the principal cause, after a time lag, of rising prices.

A counter argument that could well be aired more forcefully if monetary growth remains below target for any length of time, however, is that too rigorous a policy of disinflation—progressive reduction

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Karpov has day off chess after night out

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Baguio, Sept 5

Anatoly Karpov called off today's game in the world chess championship this morning after attending a dinner here last night for the chess delegations, organizers, arbiters, journalists and all those interested in the match.

The dinner was arranged by Mrs Imelda Marcos, wife of the Philippines President. A tropical storm prevented her from flying in from Manila, but this did not stop the party.

A high time was had by all, particularly by Dr Vladimir Zoukhar, the controversial Soviet parapsychologist. He ended the evening waltzing with one of the girls who had been entertaining the guests with Filipino dances.

Indeed one of the rumours floating around as to the world champion's reasons for postponing today's game is that Dr Zoukhar, who stares incessantly at Viktor Korchnoi during play, was possibly in no fit state to resume his duties the morning after the night before.

When the evening started the Karpov and Korchnoi parties stayed strictly apart and only a few of us managed to keep in contact with both.

As time passed and generous hospitality began to have its effect, the atmosphere became more genial and several cases of fraternization were noted.

I had already broken some ice by reintroducing Michael Stean, one of Korchnoi's British seconds, to Karpov, and as Michael is known to entertain a great admiration for the champion, the *reintroduction* went well.

Later one of the Russians came to the table where I was sitting with the Korchnoi delegation and invited us over to the Soviet table. There we discovered Dr Zoukhar in a state of what would be described in any normal person as intoxication, but being a parapsychologist his condition could well have had something to do with extrasensory perception.

The force with which he *gripped my* hand nearly broke my fingers and demonstrated that if he is exerting some parapsychological influence on Korchnoi it is a violent one.

Korchnoi left the festivities at about 10.15 pm, thereby missing the sight of Dr Zoukhar waltzing. Karpov stayed right to the end round midnight.

The postponed game will be played on Thursday.

Ford trying to reach 28,000 Granada owners

By Our Motoring Correspondent

Ford dealers are trying to make contact with the owners of 28,000 Granada cars made before July this year to carry out modifications.

Clamps that have worked loose, causing a vacuum loss in the brake servo system, will be replaced. A carburettor modification entails the fitting of a shield to prevent the possible passage of fuel into the air cleaner. The cooling fan is being replaced on some models because hairline cracks have been found in the hubs of a few.

Crown to ask for secrets case tape recording to be heard in camera

Craig Seton

he prosecution in the Offi- Secrets Act trial which ned at the Central Criminal rt yesterday is to ask for h of the evidence to be d in camera, including a recording which is alleged isclose that a former soldier two journalists secret in- ation about Britain's signals lligence (Sigint) organiza-

e trial, which concerns ges under section 1 and on 2 of the Official Secrets *1911 (details, page two), is* cted to last at least eight s. Mr Justice Willis is iding.

e accused are John Berry, 34, a former corporal in the ligence Corps, of Wood n, London; Duncan Camp- aged 25, a journalist with *New Statesman*, from ton, and Crispin Aubrey, 32, a journalist with the zine, *Time Out*, from oley, London. They have led not guilty to all the ges.

John Leonard, QC, for the n, said the members of jury would have full tran- ts of the tape recording, h is said to last three s. He would refer in open to those parts of it that not disclose "secret" in- ation. He would apply for jury to hear the tape *in ra*, with the press and pub- cluded.

Leonard said Mr Berry served in the Intelligence s from 1965 to 1970. The es related to the commu- on of information by Mr Berry, who worked for Sigint, to Mr Campbell and Mr Aubrey last year. It related to Sigint.

There had been criticism of section 2 of the Act and proposals to reform it, he continued, but no proposals for reform had been made which would affect the liability or position of a person like Mr Berry to communicate defence information which had come into his possession while he was in the service.

He added: "It would be lunatic if any such reform were *made. If a man left the Army* or during his time in the Army he were allowed to reveal things he had learnt by reason of his military service, it would be wrong."

Certain reforms of section 2 were contemplated, including the proposal that "mere receipt" of information communicated, for example, by an ex-serviceman should not be an offence. He added: "The prosecution submit that the parts played by Campbell and Aubrey, the two journalists in this case, were not to be described as mere receipt of information. It was active encouragement to an ex-Serviceman to break the law."

The jury should forget about criticism of section 2 and the proposed reform of it; they were still left with the three defendants committing offences under a new section 2 or whatever replaced it.

Journalists had no special immunity under the Official Secrets Act. The section 1 charges were more serious, as

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M-way service costs criticized

The Government is to consider urgently recommendations made in a committee of inquiry report criticizing catering and petrol costs at motoring service areas. The Secretary of State for Transport said the Government would be prepared to take a smaller return on its investment in service areas. The Motor Agents' Association criticized a call to cut petrol prices on motorways Page 3

Oil report with DPP

The 600-page report of the Bingham inquiry has been handed to the Director of Public Prosecutions for consideration. It has reassured the Foreign Office about Britain's present standing on oil supplies to Rhodesia Page 2

Moscow trial denial

Mr Francis Crawford, an American businessman, firmly denied black market currency dealings at the start of his trial in Moscow. He dismissed testimony that he illegally bought large sums in roubles as "full of holes" Page 6

Airbus warning

Wings for the B10 European Airbus are being built by a French manufacturer, on the assumption that Britain will not be invited to join the project; but Aerospatiale says it is still not too late for Britain Page 3

Leyland peace hope

First signs of peace in the Leyland toolmakers dispute emerged with the possibility that the SU Fuel Systems toolmakers will attend Tuesday's meeting of the engineering union district committee in Birmingham Page 20

Vatican death: Metropolitan Nikodim of Leningrad and Novgorod, a leading figure in the Russian Orthodox Church, who died of a heart attack yesterday during an audience with the Pope, was 48
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High Street spending up by 10.4pc yearly

Spending in Britain's High Streets in July was considerably higher than first thought, according to new government figures. They suggest that in the three months to the end of July the volume of retail sales was growing at an annual rate of 10.4 per cent Page 19

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Bingham inquiry report sent to DPP but Foreign Office satisfied oil supply has stopped

By David Spanier, Nicholas Hirst and Peter Hennessy

Lord Thomson of Monifieth, Commonwealth Secretary, between August, 1967, and October, 1968 is to make a personal statement today indicating the degree of his knowledge in the late 1960s about sanctions breaking by British companies supplying oil to Rhodesia.

The 600-page report of the Bingham inquiry was handed to Mr Tony Hetherington, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions on Monday. It was decided at a Cabinet meeting last Thursday to refer the report to the DPP for him to consider bringing charges and to publish it as soon as possible.

The report has apparently reassured the Foreign Office about Britain's present standing on oil supplies to Rhodesia. Officials are satisfied that no British oil company is directly or indirectly involved in supplying oil to Rhodesia, it was learnt yesterday.

It is also thought probable that no British subsidiary in South Africa is now selling oil, through an intermediary, destined for Rhodesia.

These indications from the report are in line with the submission made by BP to the Bingham inquiry, as reported in *The Times*.

But it is clear that oil from British companies will continue to flow to South Africa and that the companies believe they can exercise no control over South African use of its own supplies.

In its confidential submission to the Bingham inquiry BP stated that although sales to

One aspect that is assuming an increasing importance in

Freight Services, the intermediary for Rhodesia, had been stopped, there was no further step the company could take to prevent petroleum or petroleum products reaching Rhodesia short of cutting off supplies to South Africa.

"BP are not prepared to run contrary to the express policy of HMG and impose their own embargo against South Africa", the memorandum stated. It also noted that cutting off supplies to South Africa would affect territories like Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.

Reporting on what BP regarded as "a considerable achievement", its obtaining assurances in June, 1977, approved by the South African Minister of Economic Affairs; that BP Southern Africa would not supply Rhodesia in future, the memorandum added: "It is highly unlikely that the results obtained by the team which went to Cape Town could have been achieved at an earlier time."

The BP memorandum said that the team that went to Cape Town formed the opinion that it was fortunate to obtain that result and that it probably could not have been obtained earlier. The reason was a change in the political climate.

"They were conscious of considerable concern in South Africa brought about by changing circumstances and political pressures, eg, the pressure for a settlement in Rhodesia, the policy of the Carter Administration . . . in respect of southern Africa and the setting up of this inquiry by the Foreign Secretary", the memorandum concluded.

the reconstruction of events is the quality and quantity of information supplied to ministers by British intelligence sources about sanctions breaking. Lord Thomson is unlikely today to break the convention among former ministers and officials that such matters are not aired publicly.

What little material is available appears in the diaries of Richard Crossman. In an entry dated September 10, 1966, he records a meeting with Lord Wigg, who was then Paymaster-General and security adviser to Sir Harold Wilson, the Prime Minister. It reads:

I found him entirely absorbed in . . . sanctions. He busily set about proving to me that the military intelligence at his disposal confirmed the view that petrol moved by rail can only go one way and could be cut off as it passed through Lourenço Marques.

Early that morning [September 8, 1966] *I had just had time to read* the JIC [Joint Intelligence Committee]. I'd seen the stuff George was talking about but I'd also read the end of the staff paper, which said that petrol could also be taken through by road and at a not much greater price. So even if Portugal did cut off supplies it would not be the end of Rhodesia.

Mr Crossman's note of a meeting of the Cabinet's Rhodesia Committee the same day records Lord George-Brown, then Foreign Secretary, as saying: "I must make my views clear and I must tell you that I am not speaking for my department, because my department want no sanctions."

No date has been set for the publication of the report. Obtaining the consent to publish of the 50 people who gave evidence to the inquiry is continuing.

TUC leaders want no debate on secrets

From Christopher Thomas
Brighton

TUC leaders were putting pressure yesterday on the National Union of Journalists to call off a debate about the politically sensitive Official Secrets Act.

Mr Norman Willis, deputy general secretary of the TUC, held 90 minutes of talks with the six-member NUJ delegation to this year's congress but failed to persuade them to withdraw a motion expressing concern about "increasing attempts by government to interfere in the free flow of information necessary in an open democracy".

Mr David Basnett, chairman of the TUC, deferred the debate yesterday because he said he needed time to consider a letter from the NUJ.

The letter gave an assurance that sub judice rules would be observed by NUJ speakers if the debate went ahead in spite of the Official Secrets Act trial involving two journalists, Mr Crispin Aubrey and Mr Duncan Campbell, and a former corporal in the Army, Mr John Berry. The trial opened yesterday at the Central Criminal Court.

Mr Denis MacShane, president of the NUJ, was to have opened the debate which had been included on the agenda for yesterday. He said: "It is expedient not to make a fuss with the election coming up. Anybody concerned about civil liberties will find it difficult to campaign for a Labour Party that has one of the worst records this century in defending journalistic freedom."

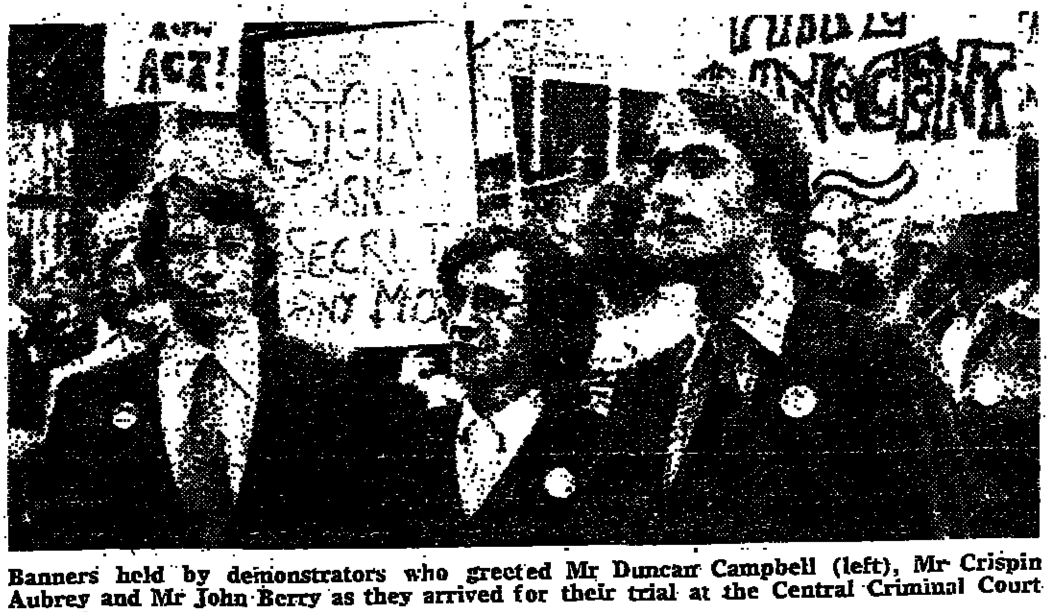
He cited the Crossman diaries, *The Sunday Times* thalidomide articles, the Agee and Hosenball case, and the affair of the Cabinet leak by Mr Frank Field as examples of attempts to restrict press freedom.

The union's protest was echoed by the middle management society of Civil and Public Servants, which represents civil servants earning up to £12,500 a year. Mr Gerry Gillman, general secretary, said civil servants were forced into a sense of cautionsness "because anything you say might result in a prosecution".

He added: "We shall never have proper open government as long as civil servants are frightened, as they are, at the way the Official Secrets Act might be used against them."

The NUJ motion may yet be debated this week, but the union fears it may be squeezed out. The TUC's cautious approach is understood to arise from legal advice about the dangers of breaching sub judice rules while the trial goes on.

The motion expresses concern at the prosecutions which resulted from discussing the role of the Army in signals intelligence gathering. It calls on the Attorney General to drop the prosecutions, and urges a freedom of information Act.



Banners held by demonstrators who greeted Mr Duncan Campbell (left), Mr Crispin Aubrey and Mr John Berry as they arrived for their trial at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Not guilty pleas in secrets case

The three defendants in the Official Secrets Act trial at the Central Criminal Court have pleaded not guilty. The charges are:

John Berry: On February 18, 1977, for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interest of the State, communicated to Duncan Campbell information which might be directly or indirectly useful to an enemy; and

On February 18, 1977, being a person who had in his possession information which he had obtained owing to his position as a person who had held office under her Majesty, communicated that information to Campbell, Campbell being a person other than a person to whom he was authorized to communicate information.

Crispin Aubrey: Between February 14 and 19, 1977, did an act preparatory to the commission of an offence under section 1(1)(C) of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, making an appointment between Berry and Campbell to enable Berry to communicate to Campbell, for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interest of the state, information which might be directly or indirectly useful to an enemy:

On about February 18, 1977, abetted Campbell to commit an offence under section 1(1)(C) of the Official Secrets Act:

Between February 14 and 19, 1977, did an act preparatory to the commission of an offence under section 2(1)(A) of the Official Secrets Act, by making an appointment between Berry and Campbell to enable Berry to unlawfully communicate information to Campbell;

On or about February 18, 1977, abetted Campbell to commit an offence contrary to section 2(2) of the Official Secrets Act.

Duncan Campbell: On February 18, 1977, for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interest of the state, obtained from Berry information which might be directly or indirectly useful to an enemy;

On February 18, 1977, received information from Berry knowing or having reasonable ground to believe at the time he received it that the information was communicated to him in contravention of the Official Secrets Act: and

On or about February 18, 1977, for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or interests of the state, collected sketches, notes, documents and information concerning defence communications which might be directly or indirectly useful to an enemy.

'Tape information valuable to an enemy'

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they involved a "purpose prejudicial to the safety or interest of the state".

The Crown submitted that the purpose in that case was the purpose of publishing or, in some other form, passing on information which state interest required should be kept secret.

On a number of occasions he would ask the judge that certain evidence should be heard in the absence of the public. Most of that evidence was a tape recording between Mr Berry and the two journalists, and he added: "The Crown says that a good deal of the information on that tape is information which would be valuable to an enemy".

Mr Leonard said Sigint involved listening to radio transmissions of various kinds from various sources and trying to interpret them. The requirements of the intelligence were to detect an intention by somebody else to attack this country.

The fact that Britain used that kind of intelligence was not secret, but details of methods used, countries whose messages were listened to, and the location of units which carried out Sigint were secret. If such information got into the wrong hands, the hands of potential enemies, the safety of personnel involved in the work might be jeopardized and the work possibly subjected to sabotage.

Mr Leonard said that on February 18 last year at 10.15 pm Mr Campbell and Mr Aubrey were arrested on leaving Mr Berry's flat in Alexandra Park Road, London. Mr Berry was arrested in that flat.

Both journalists, he alleged, possessed documents which began . . . "as an ex-member of the British forces employed wholly on signals intelligence work . . ." The document also stated . . . "the following facts are certainly not common knowledge, and in my opinion should be . . ." The document clearly came from Mr Berry.

Referring to the transcript of the tape recording, Mr Leonard said that at the beginning were the words: "The Sigint thing. Right from the beginning it was rammed down our throats the extent you were liable to very serious penalties if you disclosed anything at all."

Mr Leonard, outlining Mr Berry's military career, said he had left the Army in 1970 after a court martial for a "silly frolic", a hoax bomb call to a sergeants' mess.

Referring to the significance of information allegedly given by Mr Berry to the journalists, Mr Leonard said it could be broken down into four categories: the nature and size of the Sigint effort and the Army's contribution to it; the extent of the Army's cooperation with other services and agencies; the identification of Sigint units in the United Kingdom; and the tasks and successes of those units.

During the alleged interview between Mr Berry and the journalists references were made to GCHQ, Government communication's headquarters.

Mr Berry is also alleged to have referred to his "getting increasingly politically aware", and "getting increasingly perturbed about the whole set-up".

The court heard that Mr Berry allegedly said: "I was getting more and more into left-wing viewpoints. I began to realize there was a contradiction."

During the alleged interview, Mr Berry was said to have told Mr Campbell and Mr Aubrey that he got in touch with the National Council for Civil Liberties after the affair of Mr. Philip Agee and Mr Mark Hosenball, who were deported from Britain. He had begun to think whether he could make some use of his experiences in a constructive way.

Continuing to quote from the transcript, Mr Leonard said Mr Berry had said he had never had anything to do with any left-wing organization.

The trial continues today.

Appeal by wife of 'Sealand' prisoner

By Dan van der Vat

The wife of a West German lawyer held captive for three weeks on a Second World War fortress seven miles off Harwich appealed for her husband's release in an interview with *The Times* yesterday.

Frau Hannelore Pütz, aged 33, said from her home near Düsseldorf that she could not understand why the British authorities appeared unable and unwilling to intervene.

Her Gernot Pütz, who is 3[illegible], has been held prisoner by Mr Roy Bates since an alleged attempt by a party of Germans and Dutchmen to take possession of the fortress from the Bates family last month.

Neither the British nor the West German Government appears ready to intervene. The "independent principality of Sealand" was set up by the Bates family in 1967.

According to the family legal representative, a Southend solicitor who refused to be named, Mr Michael Bates was named, Herr Pütz was taken prisoner. The others were released, but he was detained because, the solicitor said, he held a "Sealand passport".

The legal spokesman said that Mr Roy Bates tried Herr Pütz for "treason" and the German pleaded guilty.

Both the solicitor and Mr Bates assured me yesterday that DM75,000 demanded was not a fine but a bond which would be returned if Herr Pütz, once freed, refrained from any future action against "Sealand".

On Monday a West German consular official from London went to the fort by helicopter and spoke to Mr Roy Bates and Herr Pütz, but returned empty-handed.

Frau Pütz said she was unable to raise the money. Mr Bates said the family wanted the West German authorities to take action against those allegedly plotting to take over "Sealand".

Frau Putz said she was afraid to visit her husband on the fort for fear of her safety, but Mrs Bates said no harm would come to her.

A court ruling 10 years ago declared the fort to be outside British jurisdiction.

Council seeks inquiry after damage to houses

Tory and Labour councillors at Colchester united last night to support a call for the *Department of the Environment* to hold a public inquiry into the Wivenhoe "landslip houses".

The trouble began earlier this year when it was found that houses on a private estate in Wivenhoe were cracking and slipping into the River Colne.

A meeting of the borough council's policy committee rejected overwhelmingly the conclusions of Mr John Allen, the town clerk, who, in his report, had suggested there was little merit in discussing the council's responsibility after the abolition of the Wivenhoe authority in 1974 when local government was reorganized.

'Time Out' dispute ends

Time Out magazine will appear tomorrow after the end of a dispute that has prevented publication of the last two weekly issues.

Paisley plan to open own schools

From Alan Hamilton
Belfast

The Free Presbyterian Church, led by Mr Ian Paisley, has announced its intention of setting up schools in Northern Ireland to counter what it regards as the low moral and educational standards of state education.

The decision, made public yesterday by the Rev Ian Foster, convenor of the church's education committee, was made after consultation with officials of the Department of Education and Science in Northern Ireland.

The department has made it clear that the church is free to establish schools, provided they are registered and open to scrutiny by government inspectors, but that no financial help can be expected.

Officials of Mr Paisley's movement outlined three objections to state education in the province: the teaching of the Darwinian theory of evolution; the introduction of sex education into biology classes; and the use of "unsuitable" textbooks in GCE English literature courses.

Mr Foster said that his church's schools would teach the Bible's version of the Creation in preference to Darwin's.

The Free Presbyterians claim that they have enough qualified teachers within their ranks and enough fund-raising potential to open their first school next September.

Gunmen sought: Police in Northern Ireland were hunting last night for two gunmen who shot dead a part-time major in the Army Cadet Force as he drove through Newry, co Down. He was Mr William McAlpine, aged 46, an engineer, of Ballinacraig, Newry, who was married with four children.

Guidance to priests over homosexuals

By Robert Nowell

Guidelines for Roman Catholic clergy on the pastoral care of homosexuals are being drawn up by the social welfare commission of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the National Conference of Priests was told yesterday at its annual meeting in Birmingham.

The drafting of the guidelines, which may be given their final shape by the end of this month, represents the bishops' response to a resolution passed by the priests' conference last year.

That called on the bishops to set up a working party to examine the church's pastoral approach to homosexuality and to consider the moral, spiritual and psychological issues involved.

The guidelines as drafted are intended to be comprehensive but not definitive. In a letter read to the priests' conference, the Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, Mgr Augustine Harris, president of the Social Welfare Commission, expressed the opinion that the confusion and even conflict of views on homosexuality made it impossible to be definitive.

The aim of the guidelines is clearly to end the situation one priest summed up by saying homosexuals found that the priest first of all did not understand and, secondly, that his only answer was, "thou shalt not".

The main theme of this year's conference is unity, not just between the churches, but within society as a whole. For the first time since it began in 1970 the conference is being attended by observers from the British Council of Churches.

Tory spokesman offers alternative

Mr Michael Heseltine, Conservative spokesman on the environment, said yesterday that the Prime Minister should have told the TUC at Brighton that the present state of the economy was wholly unacceptable.

In the past four years prices had doubled, the tax burden on the average family had more than doubled, living standards had fallen, and output had remained stagnant. Unemployment had almost trebled.

Mr Callaghan, he suggested, should have continued:

Thousands of our young people, who desperately want to find work, are finding that the only introduction to adult life we can offer them is the humiliation and heartbreak of the dole queue.

If we are honest with ourselves, we have to admit—all of us—that the Labour Party bears a grave responsibility for what has happened. . . .

Comrades, it is no use calling for employment while hating employers. It is no use demanding more investment if you do not like investors, and public ownership is not the answer either. . . . We started off in 1964 talking about the white heat of the technological revolution. In 1978, all we have got are the dull embers of a dying economy. . . .

Unless we change course, we will go on declining as a nation. How can we change course? Well, for a start, let us give up any more talk of nationalization. It does not work; if we're honest with ourselves we all know it does not work . . .

Then, we have got to make it worth while to work hard. That means tax cuts . . .

We have got to switch resources wholesale away from wasteful state spending back to private enterprise and private citizens . . . We have got to choose, comrades, between our socialist convictions, which we learnt in extreme youth in a very different world, and which in most cases bear no relation to the way we actually live, and policies that will actually improve the living standards of the people we represent. . . . So all we have to do is to apply those policies in reverse, starting today.

Labour blamed for increase in crime

By Our Political Reporter

Conservative publicists have decided to return to the political wrangle over law and order in the run-up to the election campaign.

A provocative advertisement to appear in magazines this week directly blames the Labour Government for the increasing crime rate. Bold headlines state: "Mugging up 204 per cent: Criminal damage up 135 per cent: Robbery up 88 per cent."

The text reads: "Labour's record on crime is criminal. Crime is one of the few things in Britain that is booming under Labour." One weekly paper used is the mass-circulation *TV Times*.

The advertisement states: "It certainly doesn't make the police's job any easier when some Labour ministers are seen associating themselves with potentially violent situations as they did at Grunwick last year."

In bold letters the advertisement concludes: "Is it safe to vote for another Labour government?"

Dishonest: Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour MP for Bedwellty, said yesterday "Anyone who will use statistics as dishonestly as this gives morality a bad name" (the Press Association reports).

Ill treatment charges against nurses

From Our Correspondent
Sheffield

Nursing students on secondment uncovered a chronicle of "horrifying" treatment when they worked in a mental hospital near Sheffield, it was alleged at Sheffield Crown Court yesterday.

Unofficial records at Wales Court Hospital, it was stated, detailing treatment of severely subnormal patients showed that patients were repeatedly pushed off stools to the floor.

It was alleged that two were fed raw or watered curry powder. One of them was also given a mixture of cinnamon and washing-up liquid until she had a nearly fatal temperature of 104 degrees, and she was again knocked off a stool.

A woman was used as a human mop when she deliberately spilt water. Another had her face rubbed in urine after she wet herself.

A violent patient, it was further alleged, was repeatedly kicked by staff, and an uncooperative patient was made to walk in a bed of nettles. A compulsive tea drinker had tea thrown in her face after she stole drinks from other patients.

Six nursing staff from the hospital face a total of 14 charges alleging ill treatment and neglect of four patients between April, 1975, and August, 1976.

They are: Barry Saxby, aged 37, senior nursing officer, of Aston, near Rotherham; Paula Staniland, aged 32, ward sister, of Kiveton Park, near Rotherham; and four nursing assistants, Mavis Bamford, aged 39, of Austerfield, Doncaster; Kyrstina Ann Fowkes, aged 23, of Dinnington, near Rotherham; Ann Flower, aged 42, of Wales, South Yorkshire; and Kathleen Noran, aged 24, of Thurcroft, near Rotherham.

They all deny the charges.

The hearing was adjourned.

£180,000 for ECG computer

Mr Harry Ewing, Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, announced in Glasgow yesterday a grant of £180,000, spread over three years, to Glasgow University's department of medical cardiology, attached to the Royal Infirmary, for the development of computer-assisted interpretation of electrocardiograms; the computer is the first of its kind in Europe.

Mr Ewing said Scotland and Finland were two countries with the worst record of heart disease, and agreement had been reached between Finland and the United Kingdom to enable mixed research teams from both Scotland and Finland to undertake joint research, starting early next year.

Latts takes the lead in Paignton chess

Hard struggles characterized the games of most of the leaders in the third round of the premier tournament at the Paignton Chess Congress yesterday and at the adjournment the position was far from clear.

G. I. Latts won early against R. M. Bruce, but although Ardin and Hayes both had material advantages their opponents still retain many fighting possibilities.

Round three results:

Latts 1, Bruce 0; Griffiths 1, Lowe 0; McFarland 1, Kemp 0; Blow 0, Norman 1; Cook ½, Boniface ½; Gamble ½, Bennett ½; James 1, Popham 0; Hodgson 1, Kafka 0; Robinson 1, Shallcross 0; Monk 0, Hill 1; Dollery ½, Sussan ½; Bramley ½, Burn ½; Derrick 1, Robertson 0; Page 0, Goyal 1. Hayes v Stokes, Collard v Homer, Gasper v Staples, Barton v Walden, Swallow v Gardner and Miss Sunnucks v Aston were adjourned; Cock had a bye.

Leading scores: Latts 3, Griffiths and McFarland 2 and 1 adjourned, Ardin, Hayes and Goodman 2 and 1 adjourned. Adjourned games, round 2: Goodman 1, Gamble 0; Boniface ½, Griffiths ½; Walden ½, Bramley ½; Robertson 0, James 1.

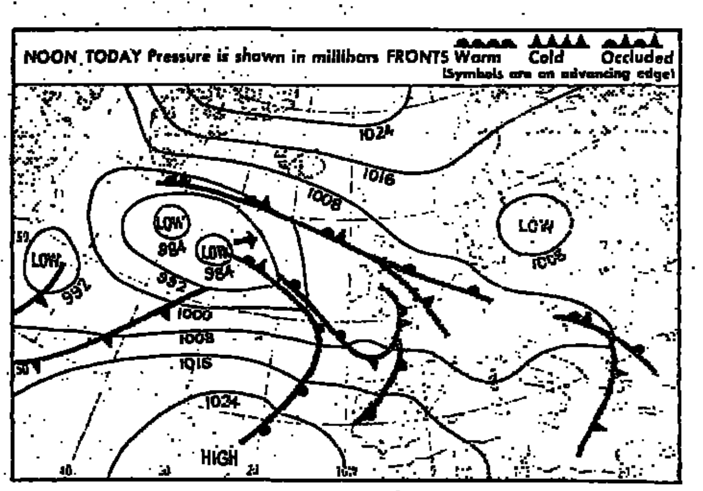
Radiation all clear for atomic workers

A process supervisor who had worked at the Windscale and Calder Hall atomic plants in Cumbria, and who had radiation contamination, has been given the all clear and is now back at work, but tests are continuing on seven other workers.

British Nuclear Fuels Ltd said yesterday that last Thursday routine monitoring survey of changing-room clothing disclosed that the process supervisor's factory clothing was contaminated.

Checks were made and showed that the man, who worked in the reprocessing plant, and his home were contaminated. "The levels of contamination are not such as to present a health problem, but appropriate action has been taken to decontaminate these items by washing and scrubbing them", an official said.

Weather forecast and recordings



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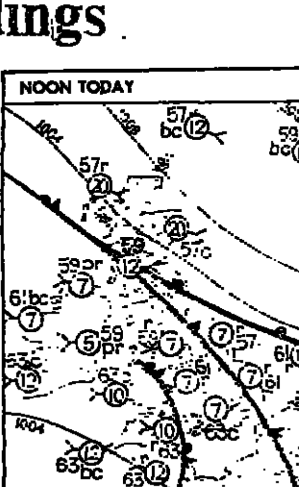

b—blue sky; bc—half clouded; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; pr—periodical rain with snow.

Today

Sun rises: 6.20 am
Sun sets: 7.37 pm
Moon rises: 10.23 am
Moon sets: 9.15 pm
First quarter: September 10.
Lighting up: 8.7 pm to 5.52 am
High water: London Bridge, 4.46 am, 7.3m (24.0ft); 4.57 pm, 7.3m (23.9ft). Avonmouth, 10.17 am, 13.0m (42.7ft); 10.28 pm, 13.0m (42.7ft). Dover, 1.48 am, 6.4m (21.1ft); 2.5 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft). Hull, 8.59 am, 7.3m (24.1ft); 9.29 pm, 7.0m (23.0ft). Liverpool, 1.53 am, 9.2m (30.2ft); 2.16 pm, 9.0m (29.7ft).

A complex area of low pressure is moving slowly over Britain.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, East Anglia, Midlands, SE and Central S England and Channel Islands: Rain at times, perhaps some bright periods, wind S, light; max temp 18°C

Lake District, Borders, E, NE, NW and Central N England, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, SW Scotland and Isle of Man: Mostly cloudy, rain at times, hill fog patches; wind E, mainly light; max temp 14° to 16°C (57° to 61°F).

SW England and Wales: Rain, becoming brighter and drier from W; wind S, light; max temp 16°C (61°F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly dry with sunny intervals; Wind E, light or moderate; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Rather cool everywhere; Scotland mostly dry with sunny intervals; elsewhere some rain, becoming drier on Friday in most places.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind SE or S, light; sea smooth.

English Channel (E), St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S, veering W, light or moderate; sea slight.

Yesterday

London: Temp: Max 7 am to 7 pm, 19°C (66°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 13°C (55°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 37 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.2in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 2.7hr. Bar, mean sea level 7 pm, 1,006.5 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Akrotiri	s	27	81	Cardiff	r	14	57	L Palmas	f	25	77	New York	s	27	81
Algiers	f	30	86	Cologne	f	13	54	Lisbon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nice	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amsterdm	f	18	64	Copenhgn	f	16	61	Locarno	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Oslo	c	15	[illegible]
Athens	f	28	[illegible]	Dublin	r	15	59	London	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Paris	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barcelona	f	24	75	Edinburgh	r	12	[illegible]	Luxembrg	[illegible]	17	[illegible]	Reykjavik	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beirut	s	[illegible]	[illegible]	Florence	s	27	81	Madrid	f	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rome	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bermuda	c	27	[illegible]	Funchal	s	25	77	Majorca	f	[illegible]	81	Rotterdam	[illegible]	11	[illegible]
Belfast	f	18	[illegible]	Geneva	f	21	70	Malaga	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Stockholm	f	15	[illegible]
Berlin	c	12	54	Gibraltar	s	26	79	Malta	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Tel Aviv	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Biarritz	f	21	70	Guernsey	c	17	63	Manchester	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Toronto	c	[illegible]	[illegible]
Birmnghm	c	15	[illegible]	Helsinki	c	14	57	Milan	f	25	77	Vancouver	c	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol	c	15	[illegible]	Innsbruck	c	19	66	Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Venice	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Budapest	c	23	73	Jersey	f	19	66	Munich	f	15	[illegible]	Warsaw	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
								Naples	c	21	70	Zurich	f	18	64

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, September 5

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp C	Max temp F	
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Scarborough	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
Bridlington	1.0	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
Gorleston	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clacton	1.1	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
[illegible]	1.0	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
Herne Bay	2.5	—	17	[illegible]	Cloudy
S COAST					
Hastings	1.1	.01	17	[illegible]	Rain [illegible]
Eastbourne	1.1	—	17	[illegible]	Cloudy
Brighton	—	—	17	[illegible]	Cloudy
Bognor	0.5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rain
Southsea	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sandown	—	[illegible]	17	[illegible]	Rain
Bournemouth	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
Plymouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Torquay	1.0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rain
Falmouth	1.5	.16	18	64	Cloudy
W COAST					
Morecambe	1.5	.07	16	61	[illegible]
Blackpool	0.5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ilfracombe	[illegible]	.07	17	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newquay	0.9	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 13; Belgium, Bfr [illegible]; Canaries, Pes [illegible]; Denmark, Dkr [illegible]; Finland, [illegible]; France, Fr [illegible]; Germany, Dm [illegible]; Greece, Dr [illegible]; Holland, Dfl [illegible]; Italy, Lire 700; Luxembourg, [illegible]; Madeira, [illegible]; Malta, [illegible]; Norway, Kr [illegible]; Portugal, [illegible]; Spain, Pes 60; Sweden, [illegible]; Switzerland, Sfr [illegible]; USA Canada $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 25.

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'Canal effect' warning for motorways

A coroner yesterday warned drivers of the "canal effect" sometimes created on motorways and which was responsible for an accident in which two women died on the M6. He called for more research

Mr Frederick Hails, the Stoke-on-Trent coroner, explained that the effect was caused by changes in air pressures around objects moving alongside at speed causing the objects to move together.

He said at an inquest in Stoke-on-Trent into the deaths of the women that the canal effect had been proved at sea: when two ships passed, a vacuum was created sometimes drawing them together.

Mr Hails recorded verdicts of accidental death on Mrs Betty Thompson, aged 57, a civil servant, of Nutley Crescent, Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex, and her mother, Mrs Adelaide Peters, aged 84, of Overton Avenue, Prestatyn,

Archaeology report

Mons Graupius: New site for battle

In AD 84 Julius Agricola, the Roman Governor of Britain, completed several years of wily campaigning in lowland Scotland by drawing the British tribes under Calgacus into a pitched battle that broke their resistance for many years. The late Sir Ian Richmond equated the importance of the battle of Mons Graupius with Culloden, marking as it did the end of the Flavian advance northward, with Rome firmly in control of the lowlands.

It was assumed that Tacitus had in the *Agricola* placed Mons Graupius north of the Tay, but in 1970 Mr Richard Feachem, of the Ordnance Survey, argued for Duncrub . . . in the Earn valley (*Antiquity, 1970; The Times*, June 23, 1970) some distance south of the Tay.

New evidence from an aerial archaeological survey suggests that the site may be again placed north of the Tay, in the far north-east highlands.

A large marching-camp, a type of fortification used by an army in transit, has been found near Inverurie; it covers 57 hectares, making it by far the largest military site north of the Antonine Wall, which runs across the isthmus between the Forth and the Clyde. The capacity of the camp would have been substantially larger than the several known forts of 44 hectares, which held the best part of three legions and an equivalent number of auxiliaries.

In a paper given yesterday to the International Congress of Classical Archaeology, meeting in London, Mr David Wilson, of Cambridge University, presented the results of research by himself and Professor J. K. St Joseph in which the newly discovered camp is presented as evidence for the location of Mons Graupius in the hills north-west of Aberdeen.

Mr Wilson said that three known types of Florian camp exist, with areas of 13, 44 and 57 hectares, the new site at *Durno being the only example* of the last. Its size suggested that a force of three legions and their auxiliaries was joined by a smaller force, about one third the size, for an unprecedented concentration of military power in the area and period *arguably for the battle* of Mons Graupius.

The implication of the thesis, if correct, is that the Roman army had penetrated some way farther north and east than was supposed by Mr Feachem, and that the long-standing interpretation of Tacitus is correct.

Aerial archaeology has also disclosed new information on the way the Romans consolidated the new frontier in the Vale of Strathmore and the coastal strip after their victory. A chain of forts was built along the edge of the highland massif, among them Ardoch and Strageath.

By Norman Hammond
Archaeological Correspondent

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'rench building airbus wings in elief that Boeing deal /ill prevent British partnership

m Arthur Reed
Correspondent

he main French aircraft nufacturer, Aerospatiale, started to build the wings the new B10 version of the ropean Airbus on the sumption that the British airft industry will not be ited to join the project, it erged at the Farnborough Show yesterday.

General Jacques Mitterrand, sident of Aerospatiale, said: do not wait for government proval. I am proceeding h the building of the wing my own. I have bought the ls.

'It could be too late torrow for the British to get hare of the wings, but it is too late today. Doors are l open, but we have to go y fast."

The French Government and craft industry remain insed that British Airways s allowed by the Government buy a new American airer, the Boeing 757, at a cost £400m, while Britain is otiating to enter the rival opean aircraft industry as a partner in the B10 200-seater project.

It appeared even stronger at Farnborough yesterday that France will not allow Britain to join the project unless British Airways orders the B10, which is likely only in the long term.

A senior French industry official said: "Do you believe that Air France would have been allowed to buy American rather than a European airliner? It is quite ridiculous."

At British Aerospace, the nationalized aircraft industry, plans to make parts of the B10 are far advanced.

Production of wings, which are being made for the 300-seat B2 and B4 versions of the Airbus, will, it is planned, be increased from three a month to six a month.

But General Mitterand made it clear yesterday that the Europeans believe they have the skills and the capacity to make the B10 wings themselves, with manufacture in France and West Germany, and final assembly in Germany.

Meanwhile, McDonnel Douglas, the American aircraft company, proposes to manufacture its own 200-seat airliner, the Advanced Technology Medium-Range. If collaboration between Britain and France collapses, they would be prepared to offer themselves as partners with Britain.

British Aerospace yesterday announced plans worth about £80m to develop several existing aircraft projects for the 1980s. It has earmarked £50m for an advanced version of its 125 executive jet, £20m for an advanced version of the Jetstream turbo-prop airliner with new engines, and £10m for a development of the 1-11 airliner.

If it joins the European Airbus consortium, British Aerospace will take a fifth share.

Westland, the British helicopter manufacturer, announced that it would collaborate with the French and Italians on its new £1,000m project, the WG34, a large helicopter.

British Aerospace said that it expects to sign a contract shortly worth £30m with the Government of Brunei to supply the Rapier low-level air defence missile system.

'romise of action on notorway services

Peter Waymark
toring Correspondent

Mr William Rodgers, Secrey of State for Transport, mised yesterday to consider endly recommendations made a government committee of uiry in its report criticizing ring and petrol prices on torways. He added that the ernment would be prepared take a smaller return than herto on its investment in vice areas.

The report, published yestery, says that service area erators are not making excese profits.

The committee was headed by Peter Prior, chairman of the mer cider firm. He said the lity of a service area ended more on the company t ran it, and on the local ager, than any other factor. ject to many honorable extions, the present standard management was not always a high order.

wo members of the comtee sampled steak and oey pie at one area and conered it to be the worst item y had tried anywhere. Yet manager later pointed to the with genuine pride and l: "That is what Egon ay thought was dreadful."

Mr Prior said that on the ole the best service areas e the most profitable, and y made profits because they e good. All the good ones e operated by one or two companies, and the same applied to the bad ones.

Mr Prior, who ate at all 39 39 sites, said food standards varied enormously, but on average they were lower than those in a sample of similar catering establishments off the motorway.

The committee did not find evidence of overcharging. Prices in cafeterias were similar to those off the motorway and motorway restaurants were significantly cheaper.

The price of fuel at service areas was found to be on average 8p a gallon higher than the national average. The committe recommended that a maximum price for each grade should be fixed, similar to the average off-motorway price.

The report suggests that responsibility for allocating and supervising sites should be taken over by a Motorway Service Areas Board. The Government should be prepared to take a smaller rental income, aiming for a 5 per cent return on 60 per cent of its investment. The other 40 per cent should go to providing free facilities for the public such as lavatories and parking.

This should enable service area operators to earn a reassonable profit and improve the standard of service. In return they would be expected to accept a closer degree of inspection and control.

Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Motorway Service Areas (Stationery Office, £1.25).

bortion fight oman seeks ısband's jailing

Irs Joan Paton, aged 29, who a fight to have an abortion inst her husband's wishes, ed at Birkenhead County rt, Merseyside yesterday he be sent to prison for beying an order not to est her or communicate with and her family.

Irs Paton, of Ledsham Lane, lsham, Wirral, claimed that husband had been making eatening telephone calls e an injunction was granted the end of July.

udge Collinson said he had cluded that the calls were de by the husband, Mr lliam Paton, aged 33, a steelrker. He would make a seven- jail order, suspended proed there were no more calls Mr Paton or anyone acting his behalf.

Ir Paton, of Little Neston, ral, denied making any s. But Mrs Paton claimed she recognized her husd's voice in a call made to on August 2.

y saw hanging trick

verdict of accidental death recorded at a Leeds inquest erday on Simon Nicholas b, aged 14, of Arran Drive, orth, near Leeds, who was d hanging in a barn after ng seen a magician in n perform a hanging trick.

New Vauxhall three-door Cavalier model

By Peter Waymark
Motoring Correspondent

Vauxhall today launches an addition to its successful Cavalier range, a three-door model called the Sports Hatch. The car comes in two versions: a 1600cc costing £4,175 and a two-litre at £4,373.

The body style follows that of the Cavalier *coupé* in front but the rear half is new. The roof slopes to a slightly shortened tail and incorporates a high lifting tailgate supported by gas struts. The rear seat can be folded forward to increase luggage space.

The two-litre version gives a claimed 0-to-60 mph acceleration in under 11 seconds and a top speed of more than 110mph. The smaller 1584cc engine produces a maximum speed of 101mph.

Closely based on the Opel Manta/Ascona range, the Cavalier was introduced in October, 1975, to give Vauxhall a badly needed medium car to compete with the Ford Cortina and Morris Marina. In June it was the third best-selling model in Britain and helped Vauxhall to take 12 per cent of the market, the company's best share for seven years.

Originally all Cavaliers were imported from Belgium but the Vauxhall factory at Luton now accounts for 85 per cent of total output.

lster children suffer less om parental abuse

'at Healy
l Services Correspondent

ildren living in Northern nd are much less likely to used by their parents than in Britain, a governmentsored study published tohows. The rate in Northern nd is one third of the h figure, and few children in areas of civil disture are affected.

e study suggests that more should be done to dis- why Northern Ireland has a low rate of child abuse.

search in Britain and elsee would suggest that ern Ireland would have an l rate of serious injury to ren aged under four of ases. In fact, in the three since registers were set ly 35 cases were reported, ling eight deaths.

cases of child abuse, ing neglect and failure to , would be between 300 400 a year if the British ience were mirrored in Northern Ireland. But in the three years the total number of cases was 296, one third of the expected level.

The children affected lived in poor families, but were nevertheless well housed and close to play areas. More than four out of five were aged less than five and the largest group were in one-child families. Nearly all mothers of the children affected were full-time housewives, and six out of 10 fathers were in full-time work.

The mother was the abuser in 114 cases, compared with 96 cases where the father was solely responsible. Most of the mothers were young; more than half had their first child when they were aged 20 or younger, and a third were 18 or less.

The survey was carried out by Professor Sinclair Rogers, of the School of Communication Studies at Ulster Polytechnic, with a grant from the Department of Health and Social Security.

Explosives found on Cornish pier

Police in Cornwall were investigating yesterday the discovery of more than 20 rusty but live cannon shells and a large quantity of cordite, found on the Albert pier at Penzance when an old drum split open.

Canon Stanley Booth-Clibborn, a great-grandson of the founder of the Salvation Army, with his family yesterday after the announcement that he is to be Bishop of Manchester.

Teachers' action extended to 74 more schools

By Our Education Correspondent

The National Union of Teachers is to extend its action over class sizes and teacher employment to 74 more schools, bringing the total to 897.

Union members in 66 Gateshead schools will not replace colleagues absent for more than a day or teach "oversize" classes. They object to the local authority's decision to cut two advisers and 26 teachers from its 1978-79 budget.

Members in eight Basildon secondary schools will not replace colleagues absent for more than a day, in protest over the provision of supply teachers.

Teachers in Surrey, Warwickshire, Bexley, Buckinghamshire, Humberside, Solihull, Bromley and Trafford will not replace colleagues absent for more than a day. In Warwickshire, Buckinghamshire, Solihull, Humberside and Trafford they will not teach classes of more than 32 in primary schools, or more than 30 in secondary schools.

Group calls for drive to empty mental hospitals

By Our Social Services Correspondent

A concentrated effort by hospital and social services staff to empty mental hospitals is urged today by Mind, the National Association for Mental Health, in further evidence to the Royal Commission on the National Health Service. That would release more resources for the few who need long-term asylum.

Mental hospitals are being used to paper over the failures of housing, education, employment and welfare services, Mind says. Successive Governments have recognized that they are the wrong places in which to house, educate and treat mentally ill and handicapped people, but the funds for community based alternatives have not been supplied.

"It is morally wrong and, in practice, detrimental to use mental hospitals as 'hotels' for people who need open or sheltered housing or hostels", it says.

Psychiatric treatment has been shown to be more effective in out-patient clinics, day hospitals, health centres or in people's homes, Mind says.

In brief

Barrister gets second ban

Mr Roger Dennis Bernard Davies, a barrister, has been banned from practising because of professional misconduct for the second time in 13 months. He practised on the South East Circuit.

At a recent hearing before the disciplinary tribunal of the Senate of the Inns of Court he admitted having acted as a barrister in a case at the City of London Court in April while suspended and receiving a fee for his services. He was ordered to be suspended for a further two years.

Police seek man

Police investigating the murder of Hazel Booth, a British Airways hostess, are seeking a man aged about 18, between 5ft 8in and 5ft 10in tall, of slim build and with a fair complexion.

Motorist killed

Mr Richard Smith, aged 31, an accountant, of Upper Farringdon, Hampshire, was killed yesterday when his car crashed into a tree in Worplesdon, Surrey.

Bus crash toll rises

A fourth pensioner, Mrs Agnes Roberts, aged 78, of Eccles, Manchester, has died after the bus crash in Derbyshire last weekend.

Glider crash death

Eighteen days after his glider nosedived and crashed in the Peak District of Derbyshire, Dr John Richard Allen, aged 26, of Ewesley Road, Sunderland, has died.

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Mr Callaghan renews plea for 5% pay guideline

A renewed appeal to trade unions to accept the Government's 5 per cent guideline on wage *settlements in the coming year*, was made by Mr James Callaghan, Prime Minister, in his address to the congress at Brighton

He told delegates that if they accepted 5 per cent "insofar as other factors remain constant" in*flation would probably* be lower by the end of 1979 than it was at present, but if they exerted their muscle and went over 5 per cent, then inflation would probably be higher than now.

Mr Callaghan declined to give *an indication of his election intentions*, but said he would indicate his intentions shortly. He advised commentators not to count their chickens.

Mr Callaghan said he was glad to have the opportunity to come *once again to the congress and to* express once more his profound belief that the British trade union movement, strong and free, was an essential bulwark to protect the interests of every man and woman working in British industry.

It ought not to be necessary to refer to this, but he did so because day by day a distorted image was presented to the public of the work done by British trade unions. British industry as a whole was *not a battleground and the overwhelming majority of British firms* did not suffer strikes.

Problems were resolved by negotiation and new practices and methods were introduced by agreement. That was the standard form and usual pattern, but it was the abnormal, the problems of one particular industry, that caught the headlines and was then used to damn the whole.

They ignored the constructive work of thousands of union officials who kept the production processes flowing smoothly and were paid far less than those people who wrote their lofty editorials from the comfort of their editorial chairs.

"So I repeat my plea that the people of this country should be presented with a less distorted, more balanced description of the constructive daily work of the trade union movement with their virtues as well as their vices."

Mr *Callaghan said it* was through an organized self-disciplined workforce of trade union members that an enterprise would best secure cooperative production to meet its needs and to understand the needs of those people who sold their labour to them.

One of the documents contained in the TUC General Council's report, was headed: "Into the 80s—An Agreement". This was a statement among other things about Britain's industrial future drawn up by the liaison committee of the TUC and Labour Party.

He recalled it set out their objectives and outlined their policies as the country moved towards the 1980s with the bonus of North *Sea oil. Those were the true* objectives of reestablishing full employment, securing an improvement in the nation's living standard and ensuring that a strong economy must go hand in hand with a fair and a just society. They must create the conditions for additional and alternative job opportunities with the purpose of the industrial strategy being to strengthen Britain's manufacturing industry.

The document stated that such strengthening was the best way to ensure an expansion of the essential public services; that they should continue to expand training and retraining for skilled jobs; and that part of the extra resources available from North Sea oil should be devoted to those purposes.

The background to their thinking on those matters was that Britain and the other Western countries would be entering a period of rapid technological change.

The British economy had been beset with the long-standing problems of low growth, weak balance of payments, too high unemployment and not enough innovation.

Industrial productivity had improved greatly and some British industries would stand comparison with the best in the world. "The task of a Labour government in the 1980s will be to bring the performance of our major industries up to the best in the world so that we may face the coming changes with confidence.

"We are beginning to see a growing understanding and a demanding of change in people's *approach to this problem. They* begin to believe it can be done and that a Labour government has the determination to do it."

Despite the recession in world trade, British exporters last year sold 8 per cent more goods overseas against the fiercest of competition and were doing better than their competitors, but they must continue to work hard if Britain was to recapture its former reputation as a trading nation.

"British firms must be quick to adapt to changing overseas consumer demands and to develop new products. For the trade unionist, the truth is that there is no way in which low productivity and high real wages *can go together for any length of time*", he said.

Government policies which were steering industries through the recession were all of help but by themselves they would not bring a real industrial breakthrough. *That would only* happen at the level of individual firms, in management and on the shop floor.

To illustrate what was being done in one sector, Mr Callaghan said the joint TUC/Labour Party document called on the Govern*ment to give full support to the* National Enterprise Board in making a success of the high technology industry of semi-conductors and micro-processors.

The NEB was giving a lead to ensure British industry would get *its full share of new world markets* that would emerge for its products and services. Together with the NEB and private industry, the Government was developing a strategy to ensure adequate capacity would exist to make the micro-electronic "chips".

The Government was bringing forward a scheme costing £70m to support this new industry. One major project was a joint venture by GEC and an American company, and the NEB had committed £25m to Inmos, a major new UK-based micro-electronics company.

These two products could themselves create up to 5,000 new jobs. Further projects should lead to total investment of more than £250m creating 15,000 to 18,000 new jobs.

The Government was encouraging firms to set up as many of those projects as possible in areas of unemployment. In addition, £15m had been committed to sup*port the industrial applications of* micro-electronics. Although the scheme only started a month ago, 1,500 inquiries had already been received mostly from firms. Financial support for the first project had already been approved and the first Government-sponsored training courses started this month, so that trainees could acquire the new skills that new technology required.

Great challenge of the 1980s

All the 39 industrial working parties would be watching the implications for their industries and alerting individual firms to the opportunities open. This was the greatest challenge of the 1980s.

Mr Callaghan continued: "In addition, I have set up a group inside Government to coordinate work on the profound social and employment effects that will *emerge for workers, jobs, firms,* and whole industries, and have asked them to make a first report to me later this year."

The industrial strategy was part of the long term plan for the regeneration of British industry, but no one should expect miracles overnight. It would take time to reverse deep trends of the past.

Slow growth, high unemployment, rapid inflation, balance of payments difficulties and the running down of traditional industries were not problems unique to the United Kingdom. They were to be found to some degree in a large number of industrialized countries. So the Government's policy was to regenerate British industry and to get other countries to agree that no single country could provide a solution to the problem of world recession. They must look for a coordinated response from all governments.

That was why throughout the past year Britain had taken a leading part in international discussions to tackle unemployment and inflation at a world level and to seek to offset the worst effects of Britain's position in the *Western world, but leadership* also on poverty, employment and health in the Third World.

The heads of government had agreed to meet again in 1979 to see how far they had kept to their undertakings. Whether that summit came before or after an election, with the help of the congress he hoped to be there to represent Britain.

There was general agreement at the July summit that the best assistance Britain could give to renewed world growth was for the Government to hold the rate of inflation firmly in check.

Reports by Philip Webster, Geoffrey Browning and Bernard Withers, of our Parliamentary Staff.

Unless they did so they would not be able to take advantage of any upturn in the world economy. With that knowledge and against that background, the Government six weeks ago published its policy for winning the battle against inflation.

"I come here today *once more* to ask for your support for this policy. There is no dispute between us on the objectives. Our joint agreed document truly states that inflation destroys the value of earnings, weakens our ability to compete in trade with other countries and undermines our social policies.

"The document goes on to resolve that reducing the rate of inflation will continue to be a vital objective. Not only is there no difference between the trade union movement and the Government on the objectives, what is more, there is general acceptance of them by the country as a whole.

"This has been a source of great strength to the Government. For if we were left to fight the battle against inflation on our own, it would be like *putting* the cavalry in to charge the tanks."

So the Government continued, and would continue, to take the utmost care to acquaint the British people about the facts of inflation and the prospects for the *future*.

The congress knew his view that pay clearly was not the only element that effected inflation. Anybody doubting that need only be referred to the effect of the European common agriculture policy on food prices. *Under successive* ministers of agriculture the Government had begun to reform and change that unsatisfactory policy, and there were now welcome signs that other countries were beginning to see its disadvantages.

The Government would continue to put forward alternative policies to avoid the excesses of a policy which built up food surpluses that could only be disposed of at a loss which the taxpayer had to subsidize.

Although pay was by no means the only element in inflation, it was a vital factor and just as important and it was a factor which lay within the Government's control.

"*Our joint statement frankly* acknowledges that there are differences between us. It admits that we have still to reach a national consensus on these matters. I agree. It is true. The fact that such a consensus does not exist does not diminish the responsibility of the Government. It increases it.

"Without a consensus Britain is more likely to indulge in a scramble in which the devil takes the hindmost and the weakest go to the wall. So, until we can reach a consensus the Government must state their views on what is most likely to achieve what we agree is the vital objective, to try to keep inflation under control.

"*We have stated our* conclusion. You know our views and we do not depart from them. You have replied that you cannot accept a centrally fixed figure of 5 per cent with free collective bargaining, and you also say that while you intend to act responsibly you must be free to deal flexibly with terms and conditions of employment. I must say in response that free collective bargaining only serves the interests *of your members if it produces* real increases in their pay packets that will last and keep their value."

They had gone a good deal of the way to achieve that by their joint efforts this year. This year had been a success. Since the congress met 12 months ago there had been tax cuts of £3,500 billion plus additional public expenditure of £1 billion for higher child benefits, for aiding the construction *industry, for deferring the increase* in school meals and to provide free school milk and additional overseas aid.

A lower rate of tax of 25p in the £ had been introduced for the first £750 of taxable income. Child benefit would be further increased to £3 a week for every child in November and to £4 a week in April.

There were to be pension increases in November by £2 a week *for a single person and £3.20 for* a man and wife. The economy was growing at the rate of 1 per cent per quarter. Inflation had declined from 17 per cent to between 7 per cent and 8 per cent and living standards were continuing to improve. It had been a success, but not an unqualified success. A year ago the Government asked for increases in earnings to be limited to 10 per cent. They looked likely to turn out 14 per cent, although perhaps that figure should be reduced reasonably by 1 or 2 per cent because of self-financing productivity deals.

"But the fact that earnings have gone over the 10 per cent mark is making for more difficulty than we need, as I forecast when I addressed you a year ago. The larger increase in earnings means that instead of inflation continuing to go down to below the 7-8 per cent level, as it would have done, it is now hovering around 8 per cent and could go a little higher although certainly not into double figures during the rest of this year.

"What it will be in 1979 when we come to congress will depend partially on the level of wage settlements in the forthcoming *round*."

He had heard it argued that if inflation was around 8 per cent why did the Government expect the TUC to agree to a figure of 5 per cent. They would need a higher figure to compensate for *the rate of inflation*.

"My friends, if you push for settlements on that basis, then you will be stepping on the escalator going up once again. I say to you, that if you accept 5 per cent insofar as other factors remain constant, then *inflation* will probably be lower by the end of 1979 than it is today.

"On the other hand, if you exert your muscle and secure wage settlements higher than 5 per cent I say to you, and everybody should know this, that the outcome is that inflation will probably be higher than today. The memory of last year is surely still green. You accepted increases in pay that were lower than the *rate of inflation* at the beginning of the pay round, yet at the end of it your members are better off than they would have been if they had settled for higher figures.

"I am not blind to the difficulties, although I regret that you *did not take more opportunity last* year to deal with them. Ten per cent was a large enough figure and was thought to be a large enough figure to give scope to deal progressively with some of the anomalies.

"In many instances negotiators did wisely use the kitty principle to move towards consolidating outstanding payments. But too many groups took the full 10 per cent across the board, so that less progress was made in *solving* those problems than there might have been.

"The current guideline is once again in the form of a percentage, and permits once more the operation of the kitty principle. I ask negotiators to make full and effective use of it as well as of the special provision contained in the White Paper which removes the 5 per cent limitation in respect of negotiations for those earning the lowest rates of pay."

The growing demand for a reduction in normal working hours would grow, especially as technical changes became more apparent. There was no reason why present working hours should be either immutable or regarded *as* desirable if they could speed up production by technical development.

It would involve many consequences and social policies would need to be adjusted to enable people to lead fuller lives in every sense. That was the importance of the study he had set in hand on the consequences of the introduction of micro-electronics on a much wider scale. He had urged that if there was to be any general *move towards* reduced hours it would be best done in concert.

Mr Callaghan said that meanwhile the Government must state its policy for the next 12 months. It was clear that if they reduced hours in a way that increased industrial costs while their international competitors did not take similar action they would make themselves less competitive and so reduce jobs.

Therefore, for the next 12 *months* the Government's policy was that any negotiated reduction in hours forming part of a settlement should either be self-financing or offset against the 5 per cent guideline. At this stage there were protests from some delegates and Mr Callaghan commented:

"I understand. I have only indicated how you would be best off. It is up to you whether you take my advice."

He said that when they were *negotiating self-financing deals* part of the benefits of improved productivity could be passed on with advantage to the consumer in the form of restraint of prices.

The demand for shorter hours had been given greater impetus because of the impact of unemployment and from a willingness to share work to reduce their number. The slackening in world trade after the oil crisis had added to their problems. World trade had grown by only 11 per cent in the past four years, but it grew by 42 per cent in the preceding four years.

Mr Callaghan outlining his Government's achievements

Whatever theorists like Sir Keith Joseph might argue no country had been insulated from these forces. The Labour Government would continue to follow the policy of direct and indirect intervention in industry to create productive jobs, and hence its ambitious programme of industrial incentive.

That was why it had agreed only last week to provide considerable resources to high technology industries like Rolls-Royce and British Aerospace so that they could remain among the world leaders.

Mr Callaghan said that in addition the Government had introduced the most comprehensive set of measures to help maintain employment and altogether it would be protecting some 400,000 jobs that Sir Keith Joseph's theory would put in peril if it were ever put to the test.

Speculation on election date

The Prime Minister said he would say a word about the politi*cal situation* because he did not want to *disappoint* everybody who had gathered there. He appreciated the resolution expressing support for the return of a Labour government at the next election, whenever that might come. It was based on the achievements of the Government and the cooperation that existed between it and the union movement.

"I do claim that together we have made substantial advances, social and economic, during the *lifetime of the present* Government but I would also agree that there is still much more to be done before we can claim to have created a fair and just society."

He understood the reasons for the present speculation about the prospect of a general election, although he had done nothing to fan that speculation:

"No one could have been more silent than I", he said to laughter. The only mild complaint he would *make was that so many people* were presenting their speculations as though they were hard facts and of course in the process they were bound to get something right.

They were correct in forecasting that he would not be giving an indication of his future intentions this afternoon. "I begin to wonder whether I need do so at any time if I am to believe all that I read in the newspapers. The *commentators* have fixed the month for me, they have even chosen the date and the day. I advise them: 'Do not count your chickens before they are hatched'. You may remember that Marie Lloyd once did that. She fixed the day and the date and she told us what happened."

Mr Callaghan then broke into song, singing: "There was I waiting at the church: All at once she sent me round a note, here's the note, *this is what she wrote*. Cannot get away to marry you today . . . My wife won't let me."

There were loud cheers and cries of "more" from the delegates. Mr Callaghan said that he had promised nobody that he would be at the altar in October, but he intended to indicate his intentions shortly and when he did so he would do it in the belief that people had come to trust that the Government did not flatter in *its actions now to* deceive later.

"We do not cut corners when the national interest is at stake. We are ready to argue out honest differences with our friends openly and without bitterness and we will fight for what we believe to be in the interests of the country and our people even if it is not instantly popular.

"Let others *stoop* if they must to scapegoat politics. So the trade unions become a convenient *whipping boy. So are the coloured* immigrants. So is expenditure on welfare. In Scotland last week the leader of the Tory Party even turned the word 'entitlement' into a matter for scorn."

He was the first to insist that their responsibilities and obligations to one another were as important as their rights. "But I never expected to hear, even from this hard, uncaring abrasive Conservative leadership that the word *entitlement could be twisted to* beat the poorest and neediest in society. Here and now I serve notice that we shall match tolerance against prejudice, policies against slogans, cooperation against conflict, unity against racialism and sectarian divisions."

Mr Callaghan said that there was work for a Labour government for the next five years. As long as there was a family without a home, a sick patient waiting in a hospital *queue, a man or woman without a* job, someone who suffered from discrimination because of *their* colour, so long would their work as a Labour movement not be done.

He concluded: "We go forward in that *spirit and with that* resolve."

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Alarm over activities of the Special Branch

Congress passed a motion which expressed concern and *alarm* at certain activities of the Special Branch and the Special Patrol Group of the Metropolitan Police, and also urged the Government to initiate an independent inquiry into their functions and activities.

Mr Douglas Grieve, secretary of the Tobacco Workers' Union, moving the motion, said it did not deal with the police force in general, and was not intended in any shape or form to criticize ordinary men and women police officers who did a marvellous job preserving law and order. Instead, it sought to have an investigation into the activities of the special area of the police.

It was regrettable that successive *governments had* denied the police force such a basic right as that of belonging to a trade union. "Otherwise they would have been affiliated to the TUC and been able to take part in this debate."

Unfortunately, Mr Grieve said, the state seemed to regard trade unionism of the police as a threat to society; and trade unionism in general as a potential threat to society. In consequence, a sizable number of police organized in the Special Branch were *instructed to* spy on trade unionists engaged in wholly legal business.

Because of the nature of the Special Branch, there was much secrecy and it was difficult to obtain accurate information. It was a fundamentally undemocratic activity carried out in the name of protecting democracy.

The evidence was that the Special Branch would have compiled a dossier or file on most *of the delegates attending* the conference, because they were trade unionists.

It was clear those dossiers contained information that was not factual. Evidence showed that a Labour Party ward executive member for many years *was down* in his dossier as a leading communist. Some of the International Socialists were shown as National Socialists. What was worse was evidence that the Special Branch had divulged that kind of information to employers.

Trade unionists were secretly photographed attending political meetings. During the National Union of Seamen dispute, many members were followed by the *Special Branch. Students* had been offered tax incentives if they became informants for the Special Branch.

In the name of protecting parliamentary democracy, the Special Branch engaged in surveillance and acted illegally to collect information.

It was said there was justification for the Special Branch because they must counter subversion, but there was no such crime in the British legal system as subversion. After the Profumo affair, Lord Denning gave the government definition of subversion as contemplating the overthrow of government by unlawful means. Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, said last year that it was activities that threatened the safety or well being of the state and were intended to undermine their own parliamentary democracy by physical, industrial or violent means.

There was no evidence of the Special Branch following members of senior management during a dispute or looking at those investors speculating money abroad.

If a factory employing thousands of workers was closed that was not regarded as a threat to society in the view of the Special Branch.

Supporting the motion Mr Ala Sapper, *secretary* of the Associ tion of Cinematograph, Televisi and Allied Technicians, said th Special Patrol Group was set u in 1965 and assisted local polic at demonstrations when disord was expected. They were outsid *the control of the police force* an moved about silently in unmarke Ford Transit vans carrying 12 t 14 members, and firearms.

An inquiry was needed, no because trade unionists were saying they did not need special protection *in special circumstances* but because as trade unionists an in the labour movement the wanted protecting not brutalizing.

The Special Patrol Group were in evidence during the Grunwic dispute when trade unionis *were attacked by a running* mo from the group who smashed the way from behind and used fis boots and elbows. That event wa recorded on film which showe clearly the nature and danger o the Special Patrol Groups. There was *evidence they were also* use against squatters.

They were nothing to do wi terrorism or the alarming circumstances of Northern Ireland. An inquiry must establish who controlled them and decided on their deployment and *training*, which taught them how to behave like the CRS of France or like some of the bully boys in disputes in their own movement. The Special Patrol Group must be used to protect them and not beat them up.

Mr Charles Corcoran, of the Greater London Council Staff Association, said he was alarmed by the recent proposals from the Metropolitan Police Commissioner who wanted to replace the concept of voluntary public cooperation, imperfect although it might be, by a form of enforced cooperation. A 16-page document had been submitted to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedures which envisaged the random searches of individuals *and* property on the grounds that this might have a useful deterrent effect.

It wanted to extend the rights of police to search suspects simply because they were at a particular spot, or to set up road blocks to search cars if a senior officer in the area deemed it necessary. It also envisaged compulsory fingerprinting in a whole area.

Powers such as those could possibly be misused at some time in the future and they should remember that the price of freedom was eternal vigilance.

Mr Len Murray, General Secretary of the TUC, replying for the general council, said the motion was not to *be interpreted* as an attack on police men and women who had the difficult job of preserving law and order in the streets.

There was a need for the police to retain the confidence of all citizens. That was of crucial importance in a democratic society, but there was no doubt that the activities of some groups of policemen had caused widespread concern.

They had expressed this concern direct to the Police Federation with whom the general council maintained contact and with whom from time to time they discussed matters of common interest.

They had also expressed their direct concern to the Home Secretary and submitted evidence to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedures. They would also make clear their dissent from some of the comments made by the Metro*politan Police Commissioner*.

The motion was carried on a show of hands.

Scotland Yard denial on compilation of dossiers

By Stewart Tendler

Scotland Yard yesterday denied that dossiers had been compiled on almost all the delegates but would not comment further on Mr Grieve's allegations about the workings of the Special Branch.

It is understood that there are files on trade unionists and they are part of a total of more than 1,150,000 records kept at Scotland Yard. The files are divided into 27 areas of interest but Scotland Yard has *refused* to say what those are.

As disclosed in *The Times* last year, sections of the Special Branch collection are due to be computerized shortly for inclusion on a criminal intelligence computer which the police have bought amid secrecy.

The comments made yesterday at Brighton are the second public attack on the Special Branch in a few months. Mr Grieve's comments echo the sentiments expressed in the Commons in May during a debate on the accountability of the Special Branch.

At the time Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, disclosed that there were *409 specialist officers* in the Metropolitan Police and 850 more serving with provincial forces. There is no national Special Branch and each force's section is autonomous, apart from the fact that Scotland Yard main*tains central records* on the IRA.

Officially the Special Branch is responsible for security of the state, sedition, terrorism, special inquiries for public departments, arms and dangerous explosives, applications for naturalization, passports and special protection for public figures.

In the debate Mr Rees concentrated on the officers' role concerning subversive organizations and said: "The information collected by the Special Branch relates entirely and solely to the proper purposes of protecting the security of the state and public order." He denied that files were kept for any other purpose or because of people's political ideas.

Mr Grieve seems to have obliquely referred yesterday to a case which was *put* to Mr Rees in the Commons. Mr Rees was told that when workers at a steel company *occupied* their factory they found a file containing a memorandum from a company official. The official had written that he had received information about two workers at the plant from a police officer. The information was inaccurate and out of date.

The Home Secretary, in reply, said he had received a report on the case and an assurance that none of the information had been *given by a "Special Branch officer* who was called to the factory to deal with allegations of indus*trial sabotage*".

Mr Rees said he could not comment on the workings of the Special Branch but Mr Grieve's comments about the use of photographs *is born out to some extent* by a number of documented cases where photographs have been taken at meetings.

Carefully planned bid to oust communist fails

From Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

Mr George Guy, communist general secretary of the National Union of Sheet Metal Workers, yesterday retained his seat on the TUC General Council, despite a carefully planned attempt to oust him.

Mr Robert Garland, moderate general secretary of the Foundry *Section of the Amalgamated* Union of Engineering Workers, was put up against Mr Guy in the hope that he would attract support from some other moderately led unions.

But the trade union movement *once again demonstrated* that it is reluctant to change the membership of the general council, whatever their political leanings, and Mr Guy, who was elected a year ago, collected 6,902,000 votes against Mr Garland's 4,811,000.

Mr *Terence Duffy, AUEW* president-elect, joins the general council for the first time in place of Mr Hugh Scanlon, who is retiring.

Mr John Boyd, general secretary of the AUEW, made a triumphant return after losing his seat in 1975, *when he was elected to his present* post.

The successful candidates were: Mr Lawrence Daly and Mr Joseph Gormley, of the National Union of Mineworkers; Mr Raymond Buckton, of the Associated Society *of Locomotive* Engineers and Firemen; Mr Sidney Weighell, National Union of Railwaymen; Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans, Mr William Greendale, Mr Stanley Pemberton and Mr Harold Urwin, of the T&GWU; Mr J. Moore United Road Transport Union; Mr Joseph Chalmers, of the Boilermakers; Mr Reginald Birch, Mr John Boyd and Mr Terence Duffy, of the AUEW; Mr George Guy, of the Sheet Metal Workers; Mr Kenneth Gill of Tass; Mr Clive Jenkins, of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs; Mr Glyn Lloyd and Sir George Smith, of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians; Mr William Keys, Society of Graphical and Allied Trades; Mr Frederick Dyson, of the dyers and bleachers; Mr Jack MacGougan, of the tailors and garment workers; Lord Allen of Fallowfield, of the shop workers; Mr C. D. Grieve, of the tobacco workers; Mr Geoffrey Drain, of the National and Local Government Officers Association; Mr Alan Fisher, of the National Union of Public Employees, Sir Frederick Jarvis, National Union of Teachers; Mr Terence Parry, of the Fire Brigades Union; Mr Albert Spanswick, of the health service emloyees; Mr J. Morton, of the Musicians Union; Mr Alan Sapper, of the cine, television and allied technicians; Miss Ada Maddocks, *of Nalgo; and Miss* Marie Patterson, of the T&GWU.

Call for action to restore the confidence of ethnic minorities

Those who used race as a political *platform* to gain power were playing a dangerous game, Mr William Keys, *chairman of the* TUC Equal Rights Committee, said. He accused the Conservative Party and Mrs Margaret Thatcher of issuing a policy statement on *immigration for political* expediency.

It was dishonest and cowardly for a leader of a political party to drop bold hints about new controls *on immigration* and then give coy and feeble answers about those controls, he said. Mr Keys, general secretary of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, was introducing the TUC General Council's report on equal rights, which the congress adopted.

He said that no single issue debased society so much as the development of *racist* thoughts and attitudes. No issue challenged the well being of a social democratic society and the future of the trade union movement than that of racism.

Congress stood against arbitrary division between worker and worker and was opposed to racialism and racial discrimination.

In Britain ethnic minorities were suffering an unprecedented series of attacks and if those attacks were allowed to continue they would undermine democratic society built over centuries.

In many areas of Britain, notably in the East End of London, the racists had sought to promote division and discord through campaigns of violence and provocation.

He and Mr Len Murray visited the East End of London recently and saw thugs at first hand, thugs of the National Front. He was concerned to note the lack of *coloured children on the streets*. They were absent because their parents were not prepared to submit them to the horrifying activities of such organizations as the National Front.

Action was needed by the police, the Commission for Racial Equality and the Government, so that confidence could be restored to citizens irrespective of their colour, who were under threat from the poison of race hatred.

The TUC General Council was concerned that the legal provisions covering racist activities and incitement to racial hatred were inadequate. They had seen provocative marches by the hatemongers in areas with a high *immigrant population which* had been allowed to proceed unchecked. They had also seen bans on demonstrations applied in such a wide-ranging way as to limit legitimate activities by trade unionists.

"*Any law is only as effective* as the way it is applied and it is our view that bans under the Public Order Act must be applied more selectively so that we can restore the right to march for those people like trade unionists, but restrict specifically those who seek to instigate disorder."

The general council was most concerned at the failure to gain successful prosecutions for incitement to racial hatred. The language of some of those prosecuted had not only been disgustingly offensive to members of the ethnic minorities, but to the vast majority of the community. If the law, as expressed through the Race Relations Act, was unable to check people like Martin Webster and Kingsley Read, then it had to be strengthened, he said. The general council was discussing with the Labour Party ways to achieve that.

As the country was turning to a general election, certain people of prominence, seeking to avoid using the language and arguments of nazism, encouraged racist thoughts and attitudes in others. "I refer particularly to the policy statement issued earlier this year by the Tory Party on immigration and the remarks of Mrs Thatcher", he continued.

That was not a policy statement backed up by statistics. No *explanation was given for its* conclusions. "Quite bluntly", he said, "it was a statement of political expediency. I would seek to warn those who use race as a political platform to gain power; they are *playing* a very dangerous game.

"It is dishonest, it is cowardly, for leaders of political parties to drop bold hints about new controls on immigration and then give only coy and feeble answers as to *what sort of control they want* and what difference they will make.

"When these people talk about controls they want the electorate *to think about race, about colour*, but to think about it with hostility, and that hostility directed to coloured men and women. No cover-up operation by the moderates of the Tory Party can undo the damage."

The sole criteria of Parliament should be at all times to judge policies, irrespective of which political party they came from, as *to whether they were socially* just. At no time should the consideration of political expediency be used to justify such policies, he said.

The TUC should expose the propaganda and tactics of those who talked and behaved like nazis. Ethnic minorities should be given a new confidence that so important a section of British soc*iety was on the side of the peace*ful development of a multi-racial society.

Police free union chief attacked by marchers

From Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

Mr Terence Duffy, president-elect of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, was punched in the back yesterday as he ran the gauntlet of shouting "Right to Work" demonstrators on his way to the conference centre for the afternoon session.

Police were forced to free him after he was attacked by a group of orange-jacketed marchers.

They also had to rescue Mr Len Murray, General Secretary of the TUC, as he left the centre at the end of the day. Mr Murray escaped without a blow being struck.

Mr Duffy, a former Army boxing champion, was uninjured. He said afterwards: "It is a tragedy. We have every sympathy with *these young lads*, but all they do is abuse us."

Overall the demonstration was more low key than in the previous two years. Police maintained a low profile; reinforcements were kept waiting out of sight.

The Prime Minister arrived with his wife through the back entrance and police quickly formed a cordon to usher them through demonstrators. There was some shouting and an empty potato crisp packet was thrown towards the Prime Minister.

About 500 people, some of them *of school age*, had *marched* from London, but the number quickly dwindled to about 300, most of whom chanted and shouted at senior TUC General Council members as they arrived

The loudest roar was reserved *for the Chancellor of the Exchequer*, Mr Denis Healey, who arrived smiling broadly. He ignored the demonstrators on the other side of railings erected by police to contain the protest.

Earlier two of the marchers *penetrated* a Fabian Society meeting addressed by Mr Healey at an hotel on the front, but left peacefully after being led out of the room.

The Right to Work campaign is an offshoot of the Socialist Workers' *Party*.

Demand for a big increase in pensions

Unless pensions were increased substantially as the retirement age was reduced, pensioners would be condemned to miserable poverty and instead of it being a pleasure to retire it would be a nightmare.

That was stated by Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans, general secretary of the Transport and General *Workers' Union*, when moving a motion, which was carried unanimously, calling on the Government to increase substantially retirement pensions and to meet the demand for state pensions to be not less than one half average *gross male earnings for a married* couple, and one third average gross male earnings for a single person.

The motion also instructed the general council to continue to press the Government to intro*duce a uniform age of eligibility* for a state pension of 60 years, the reduction of retirement age, if necessary, to be achieved by stages.

It proposed that the Christmas bonus for pensioners should be *increased* and made *permanent*

Standing ovation for rallying call

A motion affirming the support of the trade union movement for the return of a Labour government with a working majority at the next general election was carried after the Prime Minister's speech.

Moving it, Mr Hugh Scanlon, former president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said that some writers had implied that trade union leaders wanted a Labour government, because they liked having a cosy time. They implied that union leaders had had an easy time with this government. "I do not know where they have been for the last four years. It has not been easy. It has been hard." Mr Scanlon, who received a standing ovation, said that the congress would probably be passing resolutions dealing with unemployment, particularly by reducing total hours of work, and hopefully on free collective bargaining. In this approach they would undoubtedly be in some conflict with the present or future Labour government.

"The press, with certain notable exceptions, will *seek to exploit these differences in the* same manner they exploit every dispute, justified or otherwise, to the *detriment* of the trade union movement.

"We know who our friends are and we know, in spite of the differences that may exist, when the time comes, to close our ranks."

Supporting the motion Mr Bryan Stanley secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union, asked whether they wanted to go back again to those days of confrontation. That was what they would get from the Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph line as every utterance they made indicated their minds were on confrontation with the trade union movement.

This Government had achieved a good deal and a fresh Labour government would be able to make still more advances which they all wanted to see.

Mr Len Murray, General Secretary of the TUC, replying for the general council emphasized that the motion was not just a ritual, but had to be considered as seriously as any other motion

"The TUC is not a party political organization, but we are not aloof from politics. We are in politics and so is the CBI, the employers' organization, and so is any organization which seeks to secure from the Government action in the *interests of those people* whom they *represented* ", he said.

"We are not indifferent to the result of elections. Our job is to protect the interests of our members and to improve the conditions for their lives. It is only right and sensible we *should ask* what sort of government would on balance provide the conditions which give us the best chance of fulfilling this purpose and what is best for Britain."

When they had formed a view, *they were entitled to express it* and commend it to their members. That did not take them into the machinery of party politics.

They did not know where the Tories stood or what they intended on some of the issues which were crucial to the TUC. They were bound to contrast this uncertainty and at best confusion with their experience of a Labour Government and with the evidence of its achievements and methods of cooperating with the trade union movement.

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HOME NEWS

Muslim members in a reformed Lords suggested by Liberals

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Representation in a reformed House of Lords for Muslims and people of other faiths, including humanists, as well as the 81 directly elected United Kingdom members of the European Parliament, and abolition of hereditary seats are ideas raised in a Liberal Party interim report *on reform, published* yesterday.

It also points out that at present there is no MP from the ethnic minorities in Britain and says "*this* is better put right by a multi-member proportional representation system which would remove the electoral handicap from which the ethnic minorities now suffer. The French Senate includes a handful of representatives of French citizens resident overseas; we could follow suit."

The report asks whether bishops of the Church of England should continue to have the constitutional right to have 24 seats in the Lords when Roman Catholics, Methodists, Presbytarians and Muslims have no official representatives there. *There were many thousands of* peoplth of the Islamic faith in the United Kingdom said Mr *Michael Steed, lecturer in* politics at Manchester University, president-elect of the party and convener of the Liberals' machinery of government panel various interest groups should at a press conference in London. He said that the group was divided on the issue but it needed to be considered as part of any reform.

"It has to be looked at in the context of the suggestion that be included in the membership," he said. "It is said that corporate representation should extend not only to the churches, but also to trade unions, cultural and business organizations."

"Within the working party a majority resisted the idea of corporate representation."

The report reaffirms the party's commitment to a federal system where the second Chamber, referred to as "the senate", would consist of members elected from the regional "states", but the group recognizes that *that must* wait upon a reform of the Commons achieved by the introduction of proportional representation.

As an interim move towards reform, it proposes that membership through hereditary succession should be ended (the cut-off date being named in the necessary legislation) and that the British European MPs should be members during the period of their membership of the Strasbourg Assembly. The group thought that would keep the Euro-MPs in touch with Westminster politics.

The group also refers to the need for another group of senators who would not represent political parties or interest groups. "It is not easy to find the best way of producing this group", the report states.

The group suggests that the Scottish and Welsh assemblies, if established, should elect some of their members to the Lords for their terms of office as assemblymen.

Appointment of life peers by the Prime Minister, and what has become an informal arrangement with the Opposition whereby senior MPs can *retire to the* Lords, is recognized as having certain advantages, but the Liberal group thinks that element in a reformed House should be severely limited.

Reform of the House of Lords. Interim Report. (Liberal Publication Department, 9 Poland St, London W1. 25p).

Sir Richard Marsh: Disturbed at critics' anger.

Marsh reply to critics on the left

By Our Political Correspondent

Sir Richard Marsh, the former Labour Cabinet minister, who is now chairman of the Newspaper Publishers' Association, explained yesterday that although he has switched his allegiance to the Conservatives he has no intention of standing as a Conservative candidate" even if it were possible".

But it was clear from the tenor of his speech in the City of London to the London Conservative Parliamentary Candidates' Association that he will be actively supporting Mrs Thatcher during the election campaign.

In notes prepared for the speech he said: "I *am not trying* to get *back* into the Commons, which I would regard as a fate worse than death".

He was disturbed by the violent indignation of some of his former colleagues on the left of the Parliamentary Labour Party when he announced that he *was* voting Conservative.

Sir Richard said a large portion of the Cabinet was as worried about the influence of Labour's extreme left and some of them, certainly in private, were considerably less polite in their comments.

"The relationship between Mr Callaghan and the *Tribune* Group is similar to that of the earlier Christian martyrs with the lions in the Coliseum. He is only too well aware that they are right behind him, but how he wishes they were not."

His basic beliefs about helping the underprivileged had not changed, but the suggestion *that* only one section of society had a monopoly of concern on social issues was an arrogant impertinence.

Smallpox victim: father dies of heart attack

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

Mr Frederick Whitcomb, the father of Mrs Janet Parker, the Birmingham smallpox victim, collapsed and died yesterday, apparently from a heart attack. Four days ago he entered the same Solihull isolation hospital in which his daughter is being treated after complaining that he felt unwell.

Health officials said that Mr Whitcomb, aged 71, had no clinical symptoms of smallpox.

It was said yesterday there had been a deterioration in Mrs Parker's *condition, which had* been reported as satisfactory since she was admitted to hospital on August 24.

The condition of Professor Henry Bedson, aged 49, the head of the microbiology laboratory thought to be the source of the infection, who was found with his throat cut last Friday, remained critical yesterday.

Agreement on new rules for Channel safety

By Our Shipping Correspondent

New measures to improve the safety of shipping in the Channel were agreed by Britain and France yesterday when the Anglo-French Safety of Navigation Group met in London.

From January 1 all ships of more than 1,600 tons carrying oil or other potentially dangerous cargoes through the Channel will be required to report to monitoring stations on entering the separation zones off Dover, Ushant and the Saquets.

Any *ship in* difficulty will *also be required to report on* entering the Channel.

Longer-term proposals for traffic management such as Trinity House's "Channel motorway" proposal were also discussed by the British and French panel. No decisions were reached but studies will go ahead as rapidly as possible, the Department *of* Trade said.

Orders laid to restrict haddock catches

By Hugh Clayton

Ministers acted yesterday without EEC permission to restrict catches of haddock in British waters. Haddock will now be covered by conservation rules similar to those in force for other species. Traditional haddock delicacies, such as the Arbroath Smokie, should be saved from the extinction that threatens the kipper.

Three orders were laid yesterday which will strengthen the national laws that protect the coast in the absence of EEC-agreed protection measures. One order revokes a rule about haddock catches. Another imposes a catch limit for British crews fishing to the west of Scotland.

The third imposes a catch limit in the important haddock grounds of the North Sea and requires all British fishermen catching there to hold licences. None of the rules will apply to foreign boats. They have been imposed because of scientific evidence to the Government that the British catch of haddock this year is dangerously near the safe limit.

The haddock catch in England and Wales in the first five months of this year was down by a quarter to little more than 9,000 tonnes compared with the corresponding period of 1977. The fish is one of the most important and valuable species for caterers and frozen food companies.

Jobless ex-wife *to pay towards* daughters' keep

From Our Correspondent
Luton

Mr Ronald Buxton, aged 26, a £5,000-a-year construction foreman, won maintenance at Luton Magistrates Court, Bedfordshire, yesterday for his twin daughters from his *unemployed* former wife. Two years ago Mr Buxton, of Wrentree Close, Redcar, Cleveland, became the first working husband to be awarded maintenance.

When the order was made by the county court at Luton his former wife, Mrs Wendy right, also aged 26, was working as a supermarket supervisor. After being out of work through *illness* she applied for the maintenance to be reduced.

Yesterday she agreed to continue paying £7 a week, half her unemployment benefit, towards the keep of their twin daughters, Marsha and Melanie, aged seven. She dropped her application.

Mr and Mrs Buxton were married in 1971 and divorced four years *later*. At first she had custody of the twins and he had to pay her £8 a week. He was given custody of the children in 1976 by Luton County Court and his former wife was ordered to pay him £7 a week.

Artist sheds some light on Constable attribution

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

Mr Richard Constable, great-great-grandson of the landscape painter, shed more light yesterday on the habits and work of some of his ancestors.

Few paintings by John Constable had had to be reattributed. Lionel, the artist's son, appeared to have been the artist in those cases, Mr Constable, who was speaking at his own one-man show in Chelsea, said.

He said that some of the confusion had arisen because his great-grandfather had inherited the "terrible problem" of hundreds of *scraps* of *paper* referring to paintings by the Constable family. He had once written on the back of a work by Lionel that it was by his brother Charles.

"My great-grandfather was always talking about going round exhibitions and galleries and saying pictures were not by John Constable, but he never said they were by Lionel or Alfred, another of John's sons; they were usually by other people entirely."

Mr Constable said he did not believe Lionel had worked very hard. "A lot of the Constables at that time lived that kind of life; Lionel might pick up a brush now and again and dabble around."

Soviet protest

The Russian Government has protested to the Royal Navy that the 6,000-ton naval training ship, Smolny, was fired on by the 3,250-ton frigate *Antelope* off the Isle of Wight, on August 15.

The Antelope was firing her 4.5in automatic gun during calibration trials in the Portsmouth practice area when a live round landed at least a mile ahead of the Soviet ship.

Many places still available at universities

Thousands of university places for degree courses beginning this autumn are *still* available in about forty subjects, including mathematics, modern languages, chemistry, physics, philosophy, and several branches o fengineering, the Universities Central Council on Admissions (UCCA) announced yesterday.

Every year universities fill about *one eighth of their places* with the UCCA clearing scheme in September. That enables candidates who have not received firm offers of places to be considered for courses at universities to which they have not applied.

Last year more than 25,000 candidates were considered in the September clearing scheme, and more than 9,500 *accepted* places,

Candidates with at least two A levels or their equivalent should write by September 15 to The Secretary, UCCA, PO Box 28, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 1HY, marking the envelope "late application", and enclosing a fee of £2.

Naval pilot on rent charges

From Our Correspondent
Yeovil

While on exchange service in Germany Lieutenant David William Hill, aged 27, a naval pilot, was paid a rent allowance by the local naval authorities, but at the time was well aware that he was getting a similar allowance from his home base, HMS Centurion, in Britain, it was alleged at a court martial at Yeovilton, Somerset, yesterday.

Lieutenant Hill, now serving with HMS Osprey at Portland, Dorset, denied three charges alleging that during his stay of just over two years in Germany he dishonestly obtained a total of £1,673.

Lieutenant-Commander T. A. Chrich, for the prosecution, said Mr Hill's replacement in Kiel discovered the payments by the German navy and said he intended to inform the commanding officer of HMS Centurion. Mr Hill told him that he knew nothing of such payments and threatened to prosecute the other officer for libel. Commander Chrich said that when interviewed Lieutenant Hill declined to answer any questions.

The hearing continues today.

WEST EUROPE

Orthodox leader dies at papal audience

Rome, Sept 5.—*Metropolitan* Nikodim of Leningrad and Novgorod collapsed and died in front of the Pope during an audience today, Vatican officials said.

The Metropolitan, who was 48 and one of the most senior leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church, died of a heart attack in the Pope's private library during an audience of delegations from Orthodox churches.

The Russian prelate came to Rome for the funeral of Pope Paul and remained in the city for the inauguration ceremony of his successor Pope John Paul on Sunday.

Metropolitan Nikodim had the distinction of becoming the world's youngest archbishop at 32 when he was elevated to the seat of Yaroslavl and Rostov in 1961. He became Metropolitan of Leningrad and Novgorod in 1967.

He had had a brilliant career since 1946 when, as a 17-year-old student, he became a monk. He took a theology degree by correspondence course, graduating in 1955, and from 1957-59 was in the *Russian Orthodox* mission in Jerusalem, ending up as its head.

Relations between the Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox Churches gradually improved after the Second Vatican Council; which paved the way for a closer dialogue between the Christian churches with the aim of eventual unification.—Reuter

Geneva: The World Council of Churches expressed grief at the death of Metropolitan Nikodim, who was one of its six presidents.

A telegram to Patriarch Pimen of Moscow and all Russia recalled the Metropolitan's efforts in bringing the Moscow Patriarch into the WCC in 1961 and praised his loyal support of *the council from then until his* death.—AP.

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Euthanasia trial: Miss Berit Hedeby, a journalist charged with manslaughter for helping an incurably ill man to die, enters a Stockholm court room with Mr Carl-Erik Lindahl, her counsel. She claims that Mr Sven Erik Handberg, who was suffering from chronic multiple sclerosis asked her to help him to take his own life with an overdose of insulin. She claims that as suicide is not a crime, therefore assisting suicide cannot be a crime either. Her co-defendant, Dr Ragnar Toss, is accused of complicity in supplying the drug. A television crew of three were yesterday fined 200 krona (£23) each for filming the defendants in court.—UPI.

Schmidt attack on terrorists

Bonn, Sept 5.—Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, called on parliamentarians from more than 70 countries today to deny terrorists a refuge anywhere.

Herr Scmidt asked the conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union here to "clearly and publicly" underwrite the anti-hijacking agreement signed by the seven heads of government who took part in the Bonn summit meeting of the world's biggest industrial democracies in July.

"It must be made clear to potential perpetrators of terrorist acts that there is no haven for them, no place where they can live without fear of prosecution and gather their strength while they plan new attackes", Herr Schmidt said.

The Chancellor called for the integration of the developing countries into the global economy, and the further opening of markets in the industrial countries to Third World products.

He denounced the policy of apartheid practised in South Africa, which is not a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Herr Schmidt, who said southern Africa was in danger of becoming an arena of international conflict, reiterated that he will not support economic *sanctions* against South Africa because they would do more harm than good. "Whoever destroys the basis for the growth of African economies today destroys also the opportunities for, and the hopes of, future generations in these countries."—UPI.

Patricia Clough writes from Bonn: Right-wing and left-wing extremists have much greater sexual problems than politically moderate young people, according to a sociologist in Heidelberg.

A study by Dr Ronald Grossarth-Maticek of 84 left-wing and 84 right-wing students with two apolitical control groups showed that both groups of radicals have great difficulties in achieving orgasm.

Andreotti visit to Spain for talks on EEC

Madrid, Sept 5.—Signor Giulio Andreotti arrived here today for a two-day official visit, the first to Spain by an Italian Prime Minister this century.

After arrival, Signor Andreotti was driven to the residence of Señor Adolfo Suárez, the Spanish Prime Minister, for the first of two rounds of talks.

One of the main items on the agenda is Spain's application to join the EEC. Italy strongly supports Spain's entry, as Italian officials believe that both countries could try to alter the common agricultural policy in their favour.

The two Prime Ministers are also expected to discuss terrorism

Among other subjects, there is Spain's trade deficit with Italy. Spanish exports to Italy have doubled in the past three *years but Spain still buys* 25 per cent more from Italy than it sells there.

Signor Andreotti is to be received by King Juan Carlos tomorrow before flying home in the evening.

Rome: President Carter promised Signor Andreotti continued support in achieving the goals of the recent Bonn summit to boost the world economy.

"We have noted favourably the efforts you are making to achieve these goals and give force and vitality to the Italian economy", Mr Carter wrote in a letter published in Rome today.

The letter coincided with the beginning of negotiations between Signor Andreotti and four parties, including the Communists, on a three-year economic plan featuring unpopular wage restraint.—Reuter.

Briton accused of killing gypsy on Greek road

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Sept 5

A young British hitchiker was charged with murder by the police at Katerini, South of Salonika today. The charge is subject to confirmation by the prosecutor.

Shivaram Agnadhritya, aged 20, a British passport-holder of Sinhalese extraction, whose home is in Birmingham, was remanded in custody pending trial.

He is accused of killing one of two gypsies, who attacked his girl companion at Aighinion.

Mr Agnadhritya is reported to have said that he and Miss Fiona Southall, aged 20, of Solihull, Birmingham, had been hiking to Salonika. They were picked up by two Gypsies driving a small pick-up van outside Lamia.

When the van reached Aighinion, west of Salonika, it turned into a dirt road and stopped at a deserted spot. The two two Britons were forced out of the car by one Gypsy holding a double-barrelled shotgun, while the other attacked the girl.

Mr Michael Ward, the British Consul in Salonika, went to Katerini today to make arrangements for legal assistance for Mr Agnadhritya.

Mystery of DC3 that vanished off Sicily

From Ian Murray
Paris, Sept 5

At 10.30 am on July 28 an old DC3 took off from Palermo airport in Sicily and set a course eastwards for Brindisi. Seven minutes later the control tower at the airport heard a last short message from the aircraft, and since then it seems to have disappeared from the face of the earth.

Despite its age the DC3 was in excellent condition, having been completely renovated shortly before it disappeared. Investigations by security services from Italy, France and America show that there was something very mysterious from the beginning of its last known flight.

The aircraft had once belonged to Air Gabon, who sold it to General Air Service, based at Nice airport. Thoroughly overhauled the DC3 was then sold to a M Roger Teyssèdre for 470,000 francs (£52,000) and a few days later he sold it to a man apparently using an alias for 500,000 francs, paid in cash.

The average price of a DC3 is only about 100,000 frans these days

The purchaser said he had an important and urgent job to do with it as a supply aircraft in Thailand. M Teyssèdre, who is a private pilot at Rodez near Aveyron, suggested two colleagues to the purchaser to act as pilots. They were M Roland Raucoule, aged 43, and M Philippe Toutut, aged 30. The *former had a long career as a* mercenary pilot, flying notably into Biafra during the Nigerian war.

The aircraft was loaded at Toulouse with a cargo of empty oil barrels and a pump—which could be used to carry extra fuel as a means of extending its range. On July 27 it flew from Toulouse to Palermo, bearing the registration number F-B 1EE. That night the three men booked into the Baia Verde Hotel, but M Toutut is now known not to have spent the night there.

The following morning they went to the airport and took off on the DC3's last flight. The purchaser was now travelling under a different alias. Their flight plan mapped a *route to Thailand via Brindisi.*

When the aircraft failed to arrive inquiries began. It was found that its registration number was false. Since then a great many theories have been advanced as to what happened.

There are stories about a mysterious Arab smuggled on board the aircraft before take-off; about arms being smuggled into Chad; currency being transferred illegally; Libyan-sponsored missions to help Sicilian separatists; and plots to attack the Sixth Fleet.

But there is a total lack of any concrete evidence to substantiate any of these theories.

Car that runs on rum without a hiccup

From John Earle
Rome, Sept 5

Fiat is ready to produce a car running on rum, but not yet apparently on whisky. Senhor Aldolfo Neves Martins da Costa, chairman of the Italian car company's Brazilian subsidiary, has handed over a prototype alcohol-fuelled Fiat 147, a version of the Fiat 127, to a sugar cane producers' cooperative in the state of Minas Gerais.

He said commercial production awaited only the Government go-ahead. That should be given in the framework of the *Brazilian* government's national alcohol programme for the support of the sugar cane industry.

One of the main difficulties was that at low temperatures alcohol does not vaporize adequately. To overcome this a pump injects some petrol, from a separate small tank into the carburettor for the start-up. Maximum speed is said to be about 92 mph.

At Fiat's headquarters in Turin, however, they say there are no immediate plans for extending the project to Europe, even if many European countries would be only too glad to lessen their dependence on oil imports.

Britain, with its North Sea oil, is already in a happier position, so the Scots need have no fear of their whisky being diverted.

For the Italians, the need would be greater, but it seems the economics of making alcohol from grapes or sugar beet would be very different to cane.

'Free Voice of Corsica' goes on the air

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Sept 5

The first broadcast of "the Free Voice of Corsica" went out today as planned at 7.30 am, covering the Ajaccio area. The pirate radio station has been started by Corsican nationalists, who say they intend to spread its range to cover the whole of the island.

Today's broadcast lasted 10 minutes and began with the "national" song of Corsica, "Dio vi Salvi Regina". Most of the broadcast was in the Corsican language and the station's aim was said to be "neither to cause fear nor to cast curses", but to say what was happening "to our people in our land".

Vatican critic to found new seminary

Econe, Switzerland, Sept 5.—Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, French traditionalist critic of Vatican reforms, will set up a new priests' seminary in Albano near Rome, and possibly another one in Regensburg, West Germany, a spokesman for the Archbishop said today.

Thirty-six seminarists from several countries who have been studying for *one* year at the Econe seminary will move to Albano this autumn to complete their studies in buildings there belonging to the Archbishop, he said.

The move was part of an internal reorganization to prevent *overcrowding* at Econe, the spokesman added.—AP.

Finland puts a £12.50 tax on package holidays

Helsinki, Sept 5.—The Finnish people learnt today that their package holidays are to be taxed under the Government's budget proposals and they will have to pay more for cigarettes, drinks, rail fares and postal services.

The proposals are virtually certain of approval by Parliament because the four-party coalition of Social Democrats, Centrists, Communists and Liberals commands a clear majority.

Tour operators hawe already complained about the tax of *100* markka (£12.50) on every adult and child heading south on charter holiday trips.

Taxes on drinks, cigarettes, rail fares and postal charges are to go up by 8 per cent. But the Government plans higher child allowances and unemployment benefit.

Consumer prices in Finland are estimated to have risen some 8 per cent this year and a similar increase is predicted for next year. Unemployment is now at about 7.6 per cent of the work force and is expected to remain at *that level.*—Reuter.

Move to legalize euthanasia meets opposition

Zurich, Sept 5.—A Swiss parliamentary commission has unanimously rejected a voters' call to legalize euthanasia.

The move to allow doctors to help patients who choose to die was approved by 20.148 votes to 14,822 in a referendum here. But the commission, in a decision published today, said such a move would be against the law and medical ethics.

The referendum followed the admission by a Zurich surgeon, Dr Paul Haemmerli, that incurably ill patients at his hospital had been allowed to die. Criminal investigations were opened against him but these were dropped.—Reuter.

Spanish envoy hopes to end fishing dispute

Brussels, Sept 5.—Señor Bassols, the Spanish Ambassador, and a team of fisheries experts opened talks here with the European Commission, seeking a solution to the fishing dispute between Spain and the EEC.

Spanish sources said there was some hope that a draft of a fishing agreement could be worked out by Thursday next week when Señor Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, the Spanish Minister for EEC Relations, will visit Brussels.

During today's talks, the Spanish delegation handed over a report on the make-up and catches of the Spanish fishing fleet.—AP.

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Syrians on guard against surprise Israeli attack through Lebanon but no sign of big military build-up

From Robert Fisk
Masnaa, eastern Lebanon, Sept 5

On the road across Mount Lebanon and the Bekaa valley, from the outskirts of Beirut to the border post at Masnaa, there are signs that the Syrians are taking no military risks while the Egyptian and Israeli leaders confer with the American President at Camp David.

In the mountains and on both sides of the main highway past the market town of Chtauro, the Syrian Army has set up new military installations of anti-aircraft guns, personnel carriers and radar tracking equipment.

While the Syrians are obviously taking steps to counter any surprise Israeli attack through Lebanon in the next few days, the Government in Damascus has clearly decided to keep its military reinforcements to a minimum. Claims by right-wing Lebanese politicians that Syria has poured up to 40,000 more soldiers into Lebanon in the past week are, on the evidence of an extensive tour across the country, totally untrue.

Indeed, such allegations from the Christian forces, which have for more than a month been involved in intermittent fighting with Syrian troops in Beirut and in the north of the country, look suspiciously like an attempt to provoke an Israeli attack.

Syria may take some comfort from the fact that Israeli aerial reconnaissance photographs must already have established the amount of new military equipment deployed in Lebanon. But inflammatory statements by Christian leaders at such a critical moment are unlikely to soften relations between President Assad of Syria and the powerful right-wing families who control Lebanon's Maronite armies.

Mr Camille Chamoun, the former Lebanese President and leader of the country's right-wing National Liberal Party, said today that he had been told Syrian troop strength in Lebanon now stood at 70,000 men—40,000 more than provided for under the agreement establishing the Arab League peace-keeping force.

Mr Chamoun said, rather carefully, that "if true", the Lebanese Government should take "a definite and clear stand on this matter".

The Israelis have themselves disseminated the information that at least one Syrian Sam missile has been positioned on the mountains north of Beirut. Roads into the area have been closed since Syrian troops took control of several Christian villages there and it would be surprising if the Syrians had not placed some ground-to-air missiles round the two air force bases at Rayak and Kleiat.

But the installations newly set up on roads and lanes between Mount Lebanon, Rayak, Baalbek and the border here at Masnaa, where an Israeli thrust from Lebanon into Syria would almost certainly take place through the mountainous gorge to the east, are scarcely formidible.

It would need a magician to hide 40,000 extra soldiers in the wide, flat countryside of the Bekaa and nobody I spoke to living east of Mount Lebanon had seen any but the usual troop transports on the Damascus road.

Elizabeth Taylor adds touch of glamour to election campaign as her sixth husband seeks Senate seat

Can Hollywood fame win votes?

From David Cross
Washington Sept 5

When Mr Andrew Miller, the Democratic challenger for one of the two Virginia seats in the Senate, was asked last month whether he expected Miss Elizabeth Taylor, the film actress, to become an issue in his forthcoming election campaign he dismissed the suggestion with some disdain.

"I don't think Mr (John) Warner intends to campaign against my wife and I don't intend to campaign against his. What Liz may do for John is her affair", he said.

Notwithstanding Mr Miller's wishes, the glamour that surrounds Mr Warner, his Republican opponent, in the still attractive shape of the 46-year-old actress is already proving to be a significant feature in the run-up to the election in early November.

Mr Warner, who is a wealthy lawyer, is probably better known among Virginian voters as Miss Taylor's sixth husband than as a former Navy Secretary under President Nixon or as head of America's successful bicentennial independence celebrations.

Miss Taylor might never have been a potential senator's wife had it not been for an unfortunate accident which befell Mr Richard Obenshain, the Virginia Republican's first choice of candidate, last month.

His death in an air crash near his home at Chesterfield, Virginia, on August 2 reopened the whole question of a Republican nominee, about which the party had quarrelled for several months before choosing Mr Obenshain in early June.

After Mr Obenshain's death, many of his supporters were reluctant to transfer their allegiance to Mr Warner, who has only made any impact on the Virginia political scene since his marriage to Miss Taylor two years ago. By contrast, Mr Obenshain had been the darling of the right wing of the party since the early 1960s.

In the event, Mr Warner's nomination was approved by acclamation at a central committee meeting 10 days after Mr Obenshain's death with the endorsement of his widow, who promised to "help John in every way I can". It may have helped that the new nominee promised to retain most of the members of Mr Obenshain's political staff and to work to pay off $80,000 (£40,000) worth of his campaign debts.

With the succession question resolved, both the Democratic and Republican political campaigns have resumed with plenty of gusto. On the same day that Mr Miller was taking polite potshots at Miss Taylor, Mr Elmo Zumwalt, a former chief of naval operations who worked under Mr Warner in the Navy, was describing his former boss as "a dilettante . . . who doesn't do his homework".

Mr Zumwalt, who ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat for Virginia's other Senate seat two years ago, said Mr Warner had inherited the Republican nomination because of Elizabeth Taylor's fame and Cathy Mellon's money. Miss Mellon was his former wife.

At this relatively early stage in the campaign, no one in Virginia is predicting the outcome with any certainty, although if precedent is any guide to the result the odds are in favour of Mr Warner. Republicans have won every senatorial and gubernatorial election since 1966.

American sold dollars, Moscow court told

Moscow, Sept 5.—Mr Francis Crawford, an American businessman, pleaded not guilty in a Moscow court today to selling dollars on the black market and said evidence against him was "full of holes".

But three Russians facing related charges pleaded guilty and two read statements about alleged transactions with Mr Crawford, Moscow representative of the International Harvester farm machinery company.

Mr Crawford, aged 37, was detained by Moscow police last June. American officials feel his arrest was in retaliation for the arrests of two Russian employees of the United Nations, who face trial in the United States next week on spying charges.

He is alleged to have sold $8,300 (about £4,190) earlier this year to Vladimir Kiselyov, one of the Russians on trial, for 20,000 roubles, almost four times the official exchange rate.

Mr Crawford could face sentence of up to eight years in jail or a labour camp.

The Russians who pleaded guilty were Mr Kiselyov, aged 40, a factory checker, his wife Lyudmila, aged 26, and Miss Alla Solovyov, a cashier at a state-run store for foreigners paying in hard currency.

Mr Crawford told reporters the evidence against him appeared to be based on hearsay and was "full of holes".

Mr Kiselyov, whose wife did tailoring work for Mr Crawford, told the court of money he bought from the businessman and other foreigners.

"He always told me to be as careful as possible. We spoke in whispers in his hotel or on the premises of his company."

Mr Crawford, he said, took dollars to the Kiselyov flat and a few days later Mr Kiselyov would deliver roubles to the American's hotel room or office.—Reuter.

Israel policeman loses arms in bomb blast

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Sept 5

A police bomb disposal expert had his arms blown off in Jerusalem today by one of two bombs which exploded in the city. A second man was also seriously wounded by the blast, which occurred at a gas cylinder depot on the road between Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

The second explosion was under an empty tourist bus parked outside the Jaffa gate to the Old City and no one was hurt. The bus was being used to transport a group of journalists attending a conference of international travel writers.

The two blasts occurred despite intensive security precautions against terrorist action timed to coincide with the Camp David summit meeting. More than 20 bombs have been discovered in Israel and the occupied territories in the past month. All but one have been rendered harmless without casualties.

The policeman and the other injured man, a workman at the depot, were approaching the bomb when it exploded. It was apparently wrapped in cloth and hidden under a lorry loaded with gas cylinders. A policeman said it was a miracle the cylinders did not explode.

The injured policeman is an American who emigrated here in 1973 after serving as a policeman in the United States and as a soldier in Vietnam.

The *Jerusalem Post* recently described him as one of the most capable and dedicated sappers in the country. He had dealt with about 25 bombs, two of which exploded, but without injuring him, as he was then wearing protective clothing.

Beirut: Mr Yassir Arafat's **Beirut:** Mr Yassir Arafat's tion's high command took responsibility for the two bomb explosions in Jerusalem. A communiqué said underground guerrilla units operating inside Israel were ordered to step up "military action against vital targets in areas the enemy considers sealed off by security forces."

Mr Mahmoud Labadi, the PLO spokesman in Beirut, said the organization planned to issue no immediate political statements on the Camp David talks. "For the moment we will let our deeds speak," he said.

Meanwhile, Syria announced that the hard-line Arab nations opposed to President Sadat of Egypt's peace initiative are planning to hold a summit conference in Damascus during the second half of September to counter the Camp David meeting.—AP.

Tel Aviv: Israel has formally opened its twenty-seventh settlement on the northern Golan Heights and has promised to continue to populate the territory captured from Syria in the 1967 war.

Kibbutz Ortal was dedicated yesterday at a small ceremony during which government officials pledged to maintain the pace of Israeli development in the occupied area. Kibbutz members, mainly army veterans and former city dwellers, began the settlement about six months ago.—Reuter.

President Sadat is welcomed by Mr Carter at Camp David.

Mr Sadat welcomes 'decisive moment'

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Sept 5

President Sadat of Egypt left Paris this morning for his historic rendezvous at Camp David with Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and President Carter. "I think that this moment is decisive in the conflict of the Middle East", he told journalists before he left.

He said President Carter's initiative in calling the triple summit was "courageous", and added: "This initiative is as important as my visit to Jerusalem.

Mr Sadat said his talks with President Giscard d'Estaing the previous evening had shown that the views of Egypt and France were "totally convergent" on the solution to the Middle East problem.

Moscow: The Communist party newspaper *Pravda* marked the start of the peace talks today by accusing the United States of pouring arms and troops into the Middle East to divide Arab countries and promote Israeli interests.

Commenting on what it called "the unprecedented arms race unleashed by Washington in that region", the paper said United States military deliveries to the Middle East this year totalled almost $10.000m (£5,000m), with half going to Saudi-Arabia.—Reuter.

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Wilson plea for Jews in Syria

By Penny Symon

A campaign drawing attention to the plight of Jews in Syria was launched in London last night. A petition claiming that they are denied fundamental human rights is to be sent to Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The campaign was launched at a seminar organized by the Jews in Arab Lands Committee of the Zionist Federation.

Sir Harold Wilson told the seminar that about 30,000 Jews were left in Arab countries, mainly in Morrocco. He said: "They have suffered persecution; particularly in Iraq where there are only 200 Jews left, but the country causing most concern is Syria where the 4,500 Jews can be threatened and treated as hostages at any time".

Their ill treatment made it all the more urgent that they should be allowed to emigrate.

Sir Harold, suggesting that prayers should be offered for the success of the Camp David talks said: "I would add a codicle to my prayer. I hope that Mr Andrew Young will be as far as possible from Camp David. And I feel like coupling the name of Mr Brzezinski to that."

The petition to Dr Waldheim says restrictions on Jews in Syria include loss of freedom of movement, arbitary arrest and confiscation of property.

Death sentences: Four Jews have been sentenced to death for economic fraud at Donsk, in the Ukraine, Israeli newspapers reported yesterday, quoting immigrants from the Soviet Union. Others among a group of 50, arrested five years ago, were jailed for up to 15 years.—Agence France-Presse.

Police fight in court with accused

From Nicholas Ashford
Johnnesburg, Sept 5

Blows were exchanged between security police and eight black Africans appearing on terrorism charges in the Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court today.

The scuffles started when police tried to eject the defendants, who were singing freedom songs, from the court room. Part of the dock was damaged during the fighting.

The seven males and one female were appearing on three charges under the Terrorism Act. One of the accused also faces a charge of attempted murder.

The charges allege the accused tried to persuade high school students that the Bantu education system was used to oppress them and that they should boycott classes. They are also accused of encouraging a bus boycott, distributing addresses of subversive organizations and providing assitance to students to leave South Africa for military training. The attempted murder charge relates to an attack on a local black councillor.

The trial was adjourned until September 11. The accused are Timothy Nxumalo, Sithembiso Ngobese, Themba Nxumalo, Eric Mlaba, Nhlanhla Ngidi, Kwenzakwakho Mlaba, Penuel Maduna and Miss Sibongile Kubheka.

Arms talks renewed as thaw sets in

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Sept 5

Mr Paul Warnke, head of the American Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, visits Moscow this week for a new round of strategic arms limitation talks (Salt).

The State Department said it was part of the "continuing process" of preparing a new Salt agreement. Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, is due to have more negotiations with Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, in New York when both men attend a new session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Asked why Mr Warnke should be travelling to Moscow at a time when Soviet-American relations are still cool, officials pointed out that President Carter sees the Salt talks as being too important to American interests to be affected by other unrelated matters like Russian abuse of human rights.

They also believe that relations between the two superpowers have improved somewhat in recent weeks since heavy prison sentences were imposed on leading Soviet dissidents.

Mr Warnke, who will be accompanied by National Security Council and Defence Department representatives, is expected to spend Thursday and Friday in Moscow.

Pretoria stalls on Namibia

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg, Sept 5

South Africa continued its brinkmanship over the future of Namibia (South-West Africa) today when the Cabinet decided to reserve the right to take a final decision on the proposals contained in Dr Kurt Waldheim's report "in the light of further developments".

The Cabinet had earlier studied a report by Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, on the latest developments at the United Nations. Mr Botha had planned to return to South Africa last weekend but decided to stay on until this week's crucial meeting of the Security Council to discuss the Waldheim report.

Points in the report with which the South Africans are not happy are Dr Waldheim's proposal for a larger United Nations force than was originally expected. His suggestion to place the South African police force under United Nations control, and the proposed postponement of the independence date planned for December 31 this year.

In brief

Chess master beats computer

Toronto, Sept 5.—David Levy, the British international chess master, who wagered $1,250 (£650) 10 years ago that a computer could not be programmed to beat him before the end of August, 1978, won his bet yesterday.

He defeated the computer after 42 moves in the fifth game of a best-of-six match at the Canadian National Exhibition, winning the series by 3½ points to 1½.

Chilean miners end canteen boycott

Santiago, Sept 5.—Chile's state copper corporation Codelco has reinstated six dismissed miners after workers at Chuquicamata, the country's biggest mine, ended a month's boycott of work canteens to back rise.

President buried

Salisbury, Sept. 5.—President John Wrathall of Rhodesia was buried today with full state honours, including a 21-gun salute and a fly-past by Air Force jets, before a multiracial crowd of 5,000 mourners.

Videla goal

Rome, Sept 5.—President Videla of Argentina conceded in an interview with the Italian news agency Ansa that there had possibly been too much repression in his country, but said his drive for "national . . . reorganization" would lead to a true democracy.

Peru curfew

Lima, Sept 5.—Peru's military regime declared a curfew and ordered its troops to shoot if necessary to control labour unrest in the Marcona iron mine region where 45,000 miners are on strike.

Cancer check on beer

Sydney, Sept 5.—The New South Wales Cancer Council is to send samples of Australian beer to France for analysis to find out if they contain substances suspected of causing cancer.

City keys for Sir Peter

Mexico City, Sept 5.—Sir Peter Vanneck, the Lord Mayor of London, who is on a four-day visit, has been presented with the keys of Mexico City.

Italian 'has no more dreams left' after second Himalaya climb without oxygen

By Ronald Faux

Reinhold Messner, the mountaineer extraordinary from the South Tyrol who with his partner Peter Habler climbed Everest without oxygen last May, has made a solo ascent of the 26,660ft Himalayan peak of Nanga Parbat. He described the climb as the ultimate in pure mountaineering: a conquest quite alone and without any artificial aids.

The 34-year-old Italian, whose achievements have often startled and caused controversy in the mountaineering world, told me from his home near Bolzano: "That was the greatest thing to achieve. I have now no more dreams left."

His climb was by a new route up the Diamir face of Nanga Parbat, a peak which has claimed many lives including that of Messner's brother Günther, who died in an avalanche there in 1970 after he and Reinhold had made an historic traverse of the mountain.

In that ordeal Reinhold was severely frostbitten, lost all his toes and was lucky to escape with his life. Undeterred, his list of climbs now include three more summits over 8,000 metres (about 25,000ft), including Everest, all climbed without oxygen. In addition there is a formidable inventory of Alpine and South American peaks, many climbed in record time.

Messner announced his ambition to climb Nanga Parbat after his ascent of Everest.

After some time spent acclimatizing, Messner left base camp on Nanga Parbat on August 6, carrying a rucksack weighing 33lb and containing a small tent, sleeping bag and enough food and fuel for 10 days. After two nights on the mountain he reached the summit of Nanga Parbat on August 9.

"It was a good climb on the western side of the Diamir face. The main incident happened at 5am on August 8, when an earthquake shook Pakistan and my mountain, causing a huge avalanche below me. I was quite lucky to be so high by then.

"On the summit I took more than 50 photographs before starting down. This took longer than I expected because of a storm which forced me to shelter in my tent for one day and a night at more than 7,400 metres", he said.

Conditions were so severe after the earthquake that an expedition retreating from the area told Messner's liaison officer, who was keeping a solitary watch at the foot of the mountain, that Messner must have been killed since no one could have survived alone. Messner turned up the following day unharmed except for a frostbitten finger.

Specialists in high altitude medicine explain the success of Messner and Habler on their remarkable ability to convert oxygen into energy.

The Messner achievement has altered the rule book yet again, setting a new threshold of possibility. Next year, he said, he will lead a small group of young climbers to K2, the second highest mountain in the world, to attempt a new route. Had he any ambition to climb K2, or Everest even, alone? "I do not believe that is possible. The mountains are too big. It is important to be sensible."

Tension follows Nicaragua strike arrests

From Stephen Downer
Managua, Sept 5

The Nicaragua National Guard held the capital in a firm grip today after the round-up throughout the country of more than 600 political and business leaders.

Guards patrolled Managua's streets in Jeeps this morning and set up road blocks at strategic points such as the road leading to the main electricity plant.

The arrests, most of them at the weekend, came as the Government of President Somoza moved to try to break the national strike aimed at provoking his downfall. It is now in its twelfth day.

Tension grew in Managua as the population waited to see what would happen next. In government circles there were fears of a new strike by the left-wing Sandinista National Liberation Front

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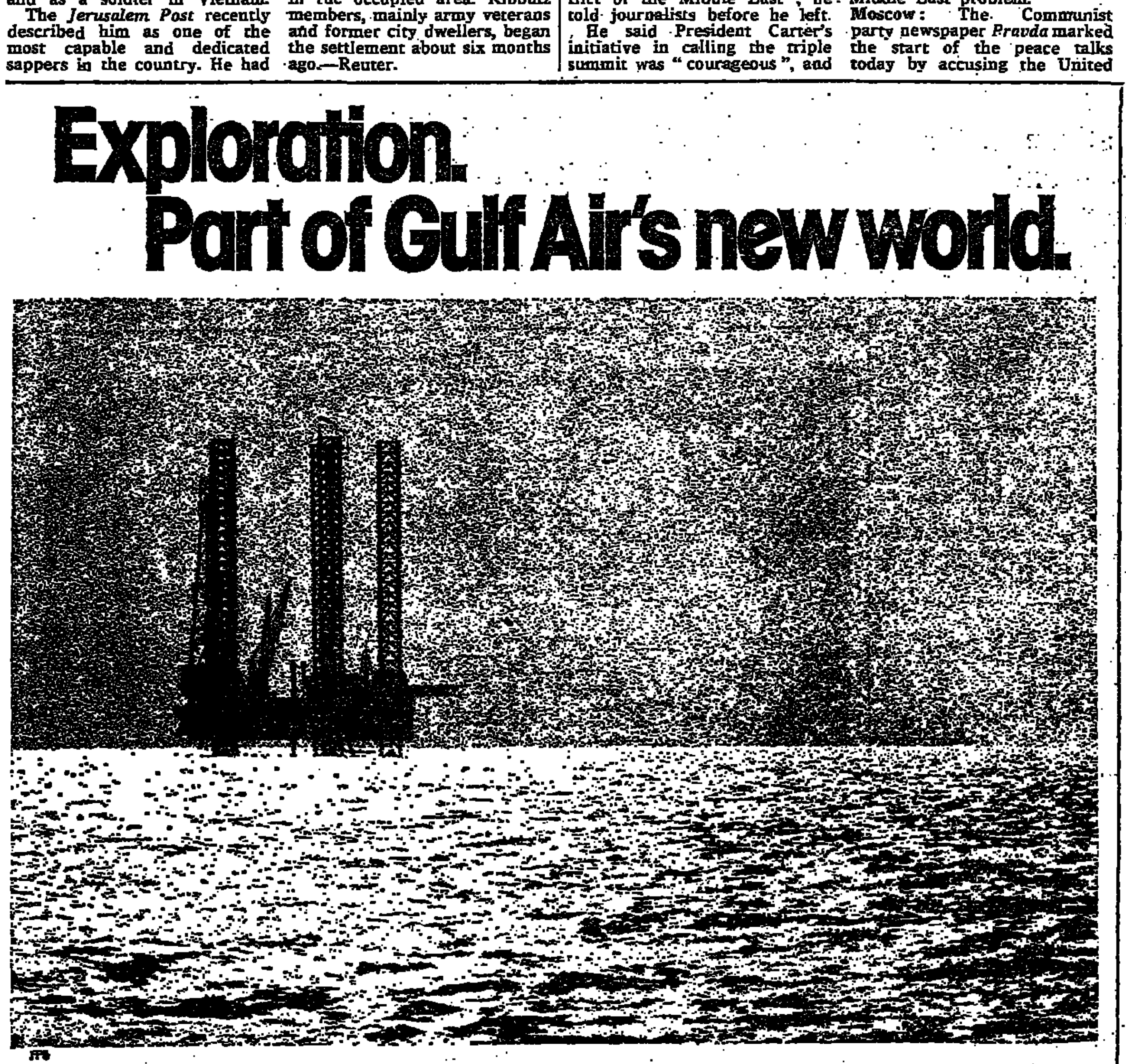

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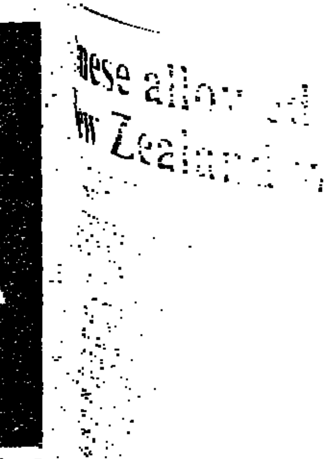

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Delhi awaits climax of monsoon floods

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, Sept 5

At least 20 people were drowned when the overcrowded boat in which they were seeking to escape the flood waters invading their homes, capsized near the Wazirabad barrage on the Yamuna (Jumna) river, five miles above Delhi early today. Eight bodies have been recovered so far.

After a day-long evacuation and rescue operation the Delhi authorities were tonight bracing themselves for the possible final onslaught of the flood waters. "Tonight will be a crucial period as the Yamuna is still rising", Mr D. R. Kohli, the capital's Lieutenant-Governor, said this evening.

Flood waters burst into seven residential suburbs of north Delhi during the night. The suburbs included the largely middle-class "model town" whose main street was flooded up to waist height. This is the first time the suburb has been under water which confirms the fears that this year's monsoon floods will be the worst in the Indian capital in living memory.

Water has entered the homes of about 350,000 people in various parts of the 575 square mile Union Territory in which the capital lies. About 200,000 people are being moved, or are moving themselves, to safer places, the city's chief executive told reporters today.

Mr Morarji Desai, the Prime Minister, flew in an Indian Air Force Avro aircraft over some of the worst affected areas today.

Rescuers use inflated car tyres to save seven boys from a village in the Midnapore area in eastern India, where floods have killed hundreds of people and left two million homeless.

Out by the Wazirabad barrage, which could be approached only on foot, the mass of muddied flood waters carrying thick clumps of vegetation, was building up rapidly. It is estimated to reach a volume of 500,000 cu ft of water a second by tomorrow, when it is expected to be at its highest. After about 12 hours the water should subside.

In the flooded suburbs near Delhi University people were going back to salvage their possessions wading knee-deep in water and finding their homes partly submerged. Amid the confusion and swirling waters, a family group ploughed sadly on bearing a dead relation on a simply draped bier over their heads.

At the central flood forecasting unit here whose slender resources are overtaxed, Dr Ramakrishna Rao, the deputy director, estimated that the water level of the Yamuna which flows beside Old and New Delhi would reach 681.8ft above sea level, breaking all records by tomorrow at Delhi's old railway bridge. This was 9ft above the danger mark when, in normal times, the unit started issuing flood risk warnings to the low-lying districts.

Four of Delhi's road and rail bridges were closed to traffic from midnight for 48 hours.

The old railway bridge, built by the British more than 100 years ago to take the line from Calcutta into Punjab, is under serious strain.

If the Yamuna flood waters breach the old bridge, the pressure on a second Delhi embankment on the eastern side of the river might prove too much, and a densely populated area along that bank would be the next to suffer. Dr Rao discounted, however, that the flood waters would enter the centre of New Delhi.

It was the breaking of an embankment in north Delhi during the night which led to the sudden flooding of the model town. Today access was possible only by one subsidiary road. People were taking refuge in the upper storeys of houses where they were marooned. The authorities last night failed to persuade the inhabitants of some south Delhi residential districts to leave their well-built middle-class homes.

Announcing that the water will be "slightly turbid" during the next days, the Delhi authorities have told the inhabitants to boil water for drinking.

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Peking accuses Hanoi of cutting rail link

Hongkong, Sept 5.—China today accused Vietnam of blocking a key railway border crossing and lodged a strong protest in which it said Hanoi must bear full responsibility for the consequences.

The New China news agency said the Vietnamese had blocked a bridge at the Friendship Pass border crossing, which has been a focal point of tension between the two countries since a mass exodus of ethnic Chinese who claimed they had been persecuted in Vietnam.

The agency said the Vietnamese had blocked the bridge by pushing a railway wagon on to it and surrounding it with barbed wire.

A protest delivered by Mr Shen Ping, director of the department of Asian affairs at the Chinese Foreign Ministry, said the suspension of rail traffic violated a bilateral agreement.

He accused Hanoi of deliberately trying to worsen relations by its "arrogant behaviour".

The Friendship Pass border crossing was the scene of a bloody clash last month in which a number of people were killed and 2,500 Chinese fled from Vietnam in panic.

Peking later accused Vietnamese troops of occupying a ridge inside Chinese territory. Hanoi denied this and accused China of sending its forces to occupy a hill in Vietnam.

Negotiations between the two countries on who is to blame for the reported exodus of 160,000 Chinese from Vietnam are expected to resume shortly.

China has also accused Vietnamese troops of crossing its border on kidnapping missions. The New China news agency said last night that since the Friendship Pass incidents, Vietnam had "time and again sent armed military men and police to steal into Chinese territory in the vicinity of the pass to try to abduct Chinese borderland inhabitants".—Reuter.

Hua tour seen as success

Peking, Sept 5.—Chairman Hua Kuo-feng arrived here today after his long official trip to East Europe and Iran which has confirmed him as an international statesman.

Party and state leaders were at the airport to greet him, together with Romanian, Yugoslav and Iranian diplomats representing the countries he visited.

"Since Chairman Hua left Peking on August 14 the press has given extensive front-page coverage to the trip. He has said that he intends to make other trips to the West, starting next year. — Agence France-Presse.

British invitation: Mr Huang Hua, the Chinese Foreign Minister, has been invited to visit Britain. He may make a brief stay in London next month on his way home from the United Nations in New York (the Press Association reports).

The Foreign Office said an invitation to the Chinese Foreign Minister was outstanding since the late Mr Anthony Crosland as Foreign Minister visited China in 1976.

General goes as Romania purges secret police

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, Sept 5

General Teodor Coman, the Romanian Minister of the Interior, has been dismissed without an official reason being given. His departure comes six weeks after a leading Romanian security officer, Lieutenant General Ion Pacepa, defected to the West.

General Pacepa was believed to have been flown to the United States by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Since the defection which started an intensive investigation of the security force, reports from Bucharest indicate widespread arrests in which at least a dozen leading officials, among them several generals, have been involved. The purge has spread from the capital to the provinces and foreign observers believe that up to 100 middle-rank officials have also been arrested.

General Coman has been absent from public life for some time and recently, another high-ranking security official was dismissed having only recently been appointed Minister of Tourism.

General Nicolae Doicaru was Deputy Interior Minister and regarded as a powerful figure in the security police. He, too, departed without explanation.

General Coman, who was also a member of the political executive committee of the Romanian Communist party and the Defence Council, is succeeded by the little-known Mr George Homostean.

Wife of President Marcos nominated for Nobel prize after Gaddafi meeting

From Peter Hazelhurst
Manila, Sept 5

President Ferdinand Marcos's wife Imelda, sometimes known as "the iron butterfly of Asia", has been nominated as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize.

A committee of four eminent Filipinos, led by Mr Fred Ruiz Castro, the Chief Justice, said today that Mrs Marcos, the strong-willed Governor of Manila City, deserved the prize because she flew to Libya in 1976 and 1977 to persuade President Gaddafi to mediate in the fighting between Filipino troops and Muslim rebels in the southern islands of Mindanao.

A telegram submitting Mrs Marcos's name as a candidate for the prize has been sent to Mr Jacob Sverdrup, chairman of the Nobel Committee in Oslo.

Reports of her nomination were removed from local newspapers today at the request of the Government. It is suggested that the regime might be embarrassed by the increasing number of attempts to heap new titles and praise on the President's wife.

In the past Mrs Marcos has been criticized both at home and abroad for the extravagant use of public funds on questionable projects.

Apart from Mr Castro, who is presiding over the trial of President Marcos's political adversary, Mr Benigno Aquino, the committee consists of Mr Blas Ople, the Minister of Labour; Mr Ramón Fernandez, an associate judge of the Supreme Court; and Mr Virgilio Dionisio, a member of the new interim National Assembly.

The committee's announcement said: "No woman has worked as hard for her people as Mrs Marcos. She has travelled more than 20,000 miles and braved the dangers of the skies to meet an unknown man in the desert of Libya for the sake of peace for 44 million people."

As well as being Governor of Manila Mrs Marcos is the Minister for Human Settlements, a Cabinet post which puts her in charge of urban development. She is also an elected member of the National Assembly.

Last month a group within the ruling party suggested that Mrs Marcos should be vested with the powers of Deputy Prime Minister, a post which would give her effective power if her husband, who is Prime Minister as well as President, were incapacitated. This suggestion was criticized today by members of the opposition.

Mrs Marcos has so far indicated that she is not interested in the post, but critics point out that in the past she has assumed more and more power after initially turning down new titles.

Indian group joins Cabinet in Sri Lanka

From Our Correspondent
Colombo, Sept 5

The executive council of the Ceylon Workers' Congress today authorized its president, Mr Sivumiamoorthy Thondaman, to accept the invitation made by President Jayewardene to join the Cabinet.

In a statement the council said that the new constitution for the first time "affords the people of Indian origin the opportunity to come into the mainstream of national life." It endorsed Mr Thondaman's actions in taking part in the deliberations of the select committee which drafted the constitution and in voting for it.

The decision of the Ceylon Workers' Congress, which has a membership of about 400,000 plantation workers of Indian origin, marks the final break with the Tamil United Liberation Front which represents the minority Tamils of Sri Lanka origin.

Members of the Tamil Front will not attend the ceremonial inauguration of the new constitution on Thursday but will take their oaths under it at a later date.

Mr Fukuda in Iran at start of Gulf tour

Teheran, Sept 5.—Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister, whose nation is a big buyer of Middle East oil, arrived here today to begin a tour of Gulf countries.

The main purpose of the visit is to expand economic relations between Iran and Japan. Mr Fukuda is hoping to receive guarantees of a stable oil supply to his country while Iran remains keen on tapping Japan's technological expertise.

Trade between the two countries has multiplied tenfold in the past decade. Japan is also a partner with Iran in the construction of the largest petrochemical complex in the Middle East at Bandar Shahpur.

Mr Fukuda will meet the Shah tomorrow before starting formal talks with Mr Jaafar Sharif-Emami, Iran's new Prime Minister. His arrival comes a week after the visit of Chairman Hua Kuo-feng of China to Teheran.

Mr Fukuda is accompanied by his Foreign Minister, Mr Suano Sonoda.—AP.

Japanese allowed to fish in New Zealand waters

From Our Correspondent
Wellington, Sept 5

After protracted negotiations the Japanese fishing fleet can return to New Zealand waters to fish in the recently extended economic zone of 200 miles. Russian and South Korean boats have had access almost since the declaration of the zone in April. Though the Japanese had fished the area more extensively than other foreign fleets, they had first to overcome New Zealand's insistence that their right to continue to do so was conditional on easier access for New Zealand farm products to the Japanese market.

Japanese officials were reluctant to relate the two issues. Mr Robert Muldoon, the Prime Minister, took a prominent part in the negotiations.

It is understood that the final agreement does not incorporate any undertaking by the Japanese to widen access to their market for New Zealand agricultural produce. Nevertheless Mr Muldoon expects that concessions will be granted. Mr Brian Talboys, the Foreign Minister, told Parliament last week that New Zealand was likely to gain improved access over the next few months.

Japan's response to New Zealand's trade overtures is expected to influence the size of quotas for catches when they come up for the annual review. Mr Muldoon has reminded the Japanese that the quota is still regarded as a trade lever.

Under the quotas announced yesterday Japan is entitled to catch 100,000 tonnes of fish. This is less than half the quantity Japan caught last year when the waters were not controlled. The Russians are allotted 60,000 tonnes and the South Koreans 32,000.

Six really clever excuses for going through a car windscreen.

You are twice as likely to be killed or seriously injured in the event of a road accident if you are not wearing a seat belt. Yet only one driver in five regularly wears a seat belt.

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1 **"A belt could trap you if the car caught fire".** An excellent excuse for not wearing a seat belt. Except, of course, that less than 0.5% of serious casualties result from accidents involving fire.

But if you were unlucky enough to be involved in such an accident, and you weren't wearing a seat belt, there's a high probability of you being injured or knocked unconscious so you wouldn't be able to escape anyway.

2 **"I've been driving for twenty years without a belt, and I've never had an accident".** A well-tried excuse, this, which has stood the test of time. It conveniently ignores the fact that the driver who runs into you head-on at 50 m.p.h. may well have been driving for only 3 weeks. Or that he may have defective brakes. Or that he may be drunk. But if you're absolutely certain that you're not going to meet up with him one day, it's not a bad excuse.

3 **"I'm not going far, so it's not worth the trouble of wearing a belt".** Perhaps the most popular excuse of all. Maybe because about 70% of all fatal and serious accidents happen in built-up areas. It's certainly the excuse most commonly heard in casualty departments. Colliding head-on at 30 m.p.h. with even a stationary object is the equivalent of falling from the roof of a three-storey house – is your steering wheel really the thing you'd most like to land on?

4 **"It's better to be thrown clear in a crash".** A pretty specialised excuse, this one, used by a lot of people who 'know a thing or two' about cars. Experience suggests that the opposite is true.

In accidents on ordinary roads, ejection at least doubles the risk of being killed. And a twelve-month survey of serious accidents on British race club tracks showed that the risk of serious injury was far greater if a driver was completely or partially ejected from the car.

5 **"It's really chicken to wear a seat belt".** Gosh, what an intelligent excuse. There's no answer to that, is there? It's a really popular excuse among those boys who regard driving as a form of combat, the lads who see their cars as mechanical virility symbols. Of course the men who race saloon cars at Silverstone wear seat belts, but what do they know about driving? And if you do use this excuse, and you have a shunt, just think how impressed the lads down the pub will be when you show them your scars.

6 **"Belts are no use in certain sorts of accidents".** A highly plausible excuse, because it's perfectly true that in some accidents, wearing a seat belt could not save you. But the majority of cars involved in road accidents collide head-on with another vehicle or an obstruction. And it's in these accidents that seat belts are at their most effective. But go on using this excuse if you can arrange to be wearing a seat belt for those accidents where a belt could save your life.

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Football

Revie's cry does not mean that he will return from the wilderness

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Don Revie, the former England manager, has requested and been granted a meeting with the Football Association to answer their charges that he brought the game into disrepute. Last night he said that did not mean he had any intention of returning to League management from his present position in the United Arab Emirates where he had a contract that did not expire until 1981. He is presently banned by the FA from holding any position in England.

"I have asked for the meeting in order to answer the charges they brought against me", Mr Revie said. "A lot of people have said it is because I want to come back to work here but that is not so. My contract in Dubai has three years to run. I am very happy there and they are good to me. When the three years are up, we will think about the next three. It is very unlikely I will ever come back to football in this country."

Yesterday, a spokesman for the FA confirmed that Mr Revie had asked for a meeting to discuss the suspension. He said: "We have received a formal written request for a meeting with the commission which heard his case and this has been agreed to. No date has been fixed but it will not be too long."

On his arrival back in Britain last month, Mr Revie said: "I am enjoying every minute in Dubai but it is nice to get home. It will be purely a social visit, not business. I am definitely going back to Dubai." It now seems that Mr Revie's legal advisers feel the time is right for him to state his case, although the exact nature of the FA's charges have never been disclosed.

The four-year contract he signed with the UAE was reported to be worth at least £60,000 a year, tax free and with substantial bonuses. In several interviews in the past year, he has expressed satisfaction with the work there, although few managers in similar positions seem to settle for much longer than the duration of their initial contracts. It has always been thought that if Mr Revie returned to England, his own choice of club would be Leeds United where he experienced his greatest success. Howevetr, Leeds recently appointed Jock Stein on a contract that expires in the same years as Mr Revie's.

As to more immediate matters with overtones of importance to the future of football in England, Keith Burkinshaw, the young Tottenham Hotspur manager, yesterday announced that for tonight's League Cup second round replay with Swansea City at White Hart Lane, he would not make drastic alterations to the team that lost 7—0 at Liverpool on Saturday.

So Ardiles, the little Argentine player who was last week introduced to what Smith, a former Liverpool and now Swansea defender, felt was a fair sample of English tackling, will take part. Smith has made no secret of his intention to continue playing his natural way tonight. Mr Burkinshaw had to decide whether to excuse Ardiles or make a stand for ball players, especially the new foreign ones.

This week Mr Burkinshaw has been more concerned with the question of his team's overall performance last Saturday than the significance of the moral issue. He admits that the introduction of Ardiles and Villa has caused some problems. Both players will need time to settle but, of equal importance, is the fact that his successful second division side of last season must now cope with the higher competition of the first while accommodating new players. The rout by Liverpool at Anfield was evidence that an understanding had not been achieved.

Yesterday Mr Burkinshaw announced that he would include Armstrong, a Northern Ireland International forward, as a defender alongside Perryman against Swansea. Armstrong played 10 matches as a central defender for Tottenham last season and now replaces Lacy, who is suspended.

Ardiles and Hoddle, both players of exceptional skill, might have preferred Perryman to be with them carrying out some of the more basic work. Swansea had hoped that Callaghan, another Liverpool player, would join Toshack in time for tonight's match but he has asked for more time to consider the move.

However, one transfer that had also been delayed, was virtually completed last night when McKenzie, of Everton, again met the Chelsea chairman, Brian Mears, and the manager, Ken Shellito. McKenzie said later that, although terms had been agreed, he would not give his firm decision until today.

Though a gifted player, McKenzie has not been able to hold a first team place at Everton this season. He joined the club from Anderlecht for £200,000 at the same time as Rioch was bought by Billy Bingham from Derby County. His clever ball control and original ideas brought him popularity with the crowds but, when Mr Bingham was replaced by a new manager, Gordon Lee, he found less sympathy for his unorthodox play.

Yesterday McKenzie said that in recent weeks he had been tempted to stop playing football altogether and accept an offer of employment on the "fringes" of the game. Neither he nor his wife were particularly keen to leave the Liverpool area where they have recently bought a new house.

Darlington rejoice in teeming rain

By Keith Macklin

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Historic and dramatic occasions have tended to by-pass the north-eastern railway junction of Darlington. In 1826 the town was one end of the pioneer Stockton and Darlington railway. Fifty-three years ago the Quakers won the championship of the Third Division North. Last night, on a vilely wet evening, Darlington from the fourth division beat Fulham from the second, and understandably the local populace rejoiced far into the night.

The capacity of football followers for stretching loyalty to the point of masochism never ceases to amaze. Many were the umbrellas on the rain-swamped terraces of the tiny Feethams ground, but many supporters stood bare-headed and unprotected, their heads and faces glistening and streaming in the rain. Yet it was all worthwhile when early in the second half a penalty kick from Lyons skimmed past Peyton in the Fulham goal. Despite the teeming rain, this cup-tie replay was a gala occasion, and the crowd of 5,061 was 3,000 above the average gate.

On the slithery and skiddy surface the age-old story of the cup and its levelling effect proved joyously true for the Darlington supporters. It was Peyton who was the busier goalkeeper throughout the first half, and again we saw the strange capacity of teams to rise well above their status in cup games. Darlington looked the second division side, Fulham the fourth as most of the traffic wended its way towards Peyton's goalmouth.

Darlington's winger, Maitland, caused the most trouble to the Fulham defence, and the harassment of Lock eventually led to the Fulham defender receiving a caution. In one of Fulham's rare attacks, Evanson squared the ball low across the Darlington goalmouth, but the ball slid past everyone. On the stroke of half-time Peyton saved a header from Stone, and the first half honours had gone to the home side.

In the opening minutes of the second half Lyons put in a fierce shot which was tipped over the bar by the busy Peyton. Then came the goal which sent the soaking terrace spectators wild with delight. The tricky Maitland fell in the penalty area under the attention of two Fulham defenders. A penalty was awarded, and Lyons thumped it unerringly past Peyton.

One might have expected Fulham, prompted by London pride, to have fought back but Darlington were never in any serious danger. Although Lock put a free kick past the post, incursions into home territory were rare and Darlington moved with surprising ease into the next round. There were two other bookings, Cochrane of Darlington and Bullivant of Fulham, but it was not a rough game, with Darlington providing 90 per cent of the spirit and vigour.

Gordon Lee, manager of Everton, was in the grandstand. He is hardly likely to lose much sleep over the prospect of Darlington's visit. However the sleep of the Darlington treasurer is likely to be disturbed by pleasant dreams of lovely notes and coins pouring through the Goodison Park turnstiles.

DARLINGTON: M. Burleigh; C. Nattress, J. Cochrane, N. Hague, D. Craig, J. Stone, L. Maitland, B. Lyons, J. Seal, E. Probert, D. Wann.

FULHAM: G. Peyton; L. Strong, K. Lock, R. Money, G. Banton, T. Gale, T. Bullivant, G. Davies, T. Mahoney, J. Margerrison, J. Evanson.

Referee: A. F. Jenkins (Scunthorpe).

Rugby Union

Retirement of Davies leaves Wales winged

Gerald Davies, the flying Welsh wing and the world's most capped threequarter, has decided to retire.

Davies, who is 33, told the Cardiff club committee on Monday night. This is the first move in the expected break up of the Welsh team which won the grand slam last year. Gareth Edwards, who is 31, is also understood to be considering retirement.

Davies won the first of his 46 caps against Australia in 1966 and has made two tours with the British Lions, to South Africa in 1968 and New Zealand in 1971. His last international match was for Wales against Australia last summer.

He started his international career in the centre, but switched to the wing with devastating effect in 1969 when he scored 18 tries for Wales, many from memorable runs characterized by his celebrated sidestep and speed.

Davies, a former Cambridge University blue, is now a technical officer for the Sports Council of Wales. He has been a key member of the Welsh side in recent years when they have achieved three grand slams and five triple crowns. For the past three years he has been Cardiff's captain and the only disappointment he has suffered has been that he has not been able to lead the club to victory in the Welsh Cup.

Davies said: "This year there doesn't seem to be the same keenness to start training and to play and if I have that kind of feeling I would not like to carry on."

Edwards, meanwhile, has still made no announcement. He is expected to publish a book in October, which would automatically infringe his amateur status in the eyes of the Welsh Rugby Union. He has not yet reported for training, but a Cardiff spokesman said yesterday that this was not unusual at this stage of the season.

Gerald Davies: world's most capped back.

Rosslyn Park play Detroit next Wednesday evening. The Americans are on a five-match tour of Britain, with two games in Wales and two in Cornwall.

South Wales Police have been forced to cancel their fixture at Blackheath on Saturday because of Welsh Cup commitments. So Blackheath will play Streatham-Croydon at the Rectory Field.

Australians off form

Whangarei (New Zealand), Sept 5.—Australia scrambled to an unconvincing 16—11 victory over North Auckland at Okara Park here today. It was Australia's last match before the third and final Rugby Union international against New Zealand at Auckland on Saturday. New Zealand have a winning 2—0 lead.—Reuter.

Cricket

New Zealand fall to Rice and Willey

SCARBOROUGH: T. N. Pearce's XI beat the New Zealanders by 38 runs.

A fine spell of spin bowling by Peter Willey gave T. N. Pearce's XI victory against the New Zealanders at the Scarborough festival yesterday.

Set to make 267 at a run a minute, New Zealand reached 100 in 80 minutes. But four wickets fell quickly as they tried to hit Willey off his length. Willey finished with match figures of 12 for 138 on a wicket which turned without being spiteful.

Pearce's XI's hopes of piling on the runs suffered an early setback when Close was bowled by the second ball of the day having resumed 177 in front of New Zealand. But Clive Rice and Willey went for their shots and 28 runs came in 20 minutes, including two cover boundaries from Rice.

Pearce's team could have been in trouble if New Zealand had not dropped three catches. Rice and Willey were irrepressible and added 50 in 35 minutes.

Willey hit some fierce drives before he came down late on a yorker from Hadlee and the ball dislodged the leg stump bail. A sequence of byes, given away by the New Zealanders' third choice wicketkeeper, John Parker, helped lift the score.

Rice raced past 50 with two enormous sixes off John McIntyre, a left arm spin bowler, and brought his aggregate for the game to 144 for once out. Close declared at 238 for six, leaving the New Zealanders to score at a run a minute to win the £200 a man prize.

The New Zealanders started with 34 in even time but Willey made the breakthrough when he turned a ball to bowl Bruce Edgar for 11 and, at lunch, the tourists were 47 for one with 220 needed for victory.

Howarth and Wright set off at a fierce pace after lunch and 22 came in the first 10 minutes. Wright was bowled by Willey at 69 and the big-hitting Lance Cairns joined Howarth. But Willey struck again, bowling Howarth with a sharply-turning ball at 76.

Cairns hit two sixes and three fours in his first 29 runs, made in 15 minutes. He kept victory in sight, hitting a third six before he was caught by Sarfraz off Doshi for 37. He was helped by Parker but in the end their efforts were not enough in a match dominated by Rice's batting and Willey's bowling.

T. N. PEARCE'S XI: First Innings, 274 for 5 dec (C. E. B. Rice 90 not out, B. Dudleston 90, D. W. Randall 61).

Second Innings

G. Cook, c Wright, b Boock ..	44
*B. Dudleston, st Parker, b Boock	64
W. Larkins, c Hadlee, b Boock ..	27
D. W. Randall, c Howarth, b McIntyre	3
C. E. B. Rice, not out	54
D. B. Close, b McIntyre	1
P. Willey, b Hadlee	19
†G. Sharp, not out	11
Extras (b 10, l-b 3, n-b 2) ..	15
Total (6 wkts dec) ..	238

Sarfraz Nawaz, D. Pringle and D. Doshi did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—70, 2—130, 3—142, 4—148, 5—149, 6—199.

BOWLING: Hadlee, 11—1—40—1; Thomson, 9—0—17—0; Cairns, 4—0—23—0; Boock, 12—6—58—3; McIntyre, 21—6—85—2.

NEW ZEALANDERS: First Innings, 246 for 9 dec (G. N. Edwards 50; P. Willey 5 for 65, Sarfraz 3 for 38).

Second Innings

J. G. Wright, b Willey	35
B. Edgar, b Willey	11
G. P. Howarth, b Willey ..	26
B. L. Cairns, c Sarfraz, b Doshi	37
*J. M. Parker, c Cook, b Willey	31
M. G. Burgess, b Willey	17
†G. N. Edwards, c Dudleston, b Close	12
R. J. Hadlee, c Close, b Willey	17
J. M. McIntyre, not out	21
S. L. Boock, l-b-w, b Willey ..	0
G. Thomson, b Doshi	9
Extras (b 4, l-b 5)	9
Total	228

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—32, 2—64, 3—76, 4—126, 5—147, 6—168, 7—176, 8—207, 9—207, 10—228.

BOWLING: Sarfraz, 4—0—17—0; Pringle, 4—1—16—0; Doshi, 19.2—3—82—2; Willey, 37—5—73—7; Close, 8—1—31—1.

Umpires: R. Aspinall and W. E. Phillipson.

Burton beats Fear in last minute

Plymouth 1 Oxford 2

Oxford United's goalkeeper, Roy Burton, saved a penalty 30 seconds from the end of extra time in this Football League Cup second round replay, to earn his team the possibility of a third round home tie against the holders, Nottingham Forest.

Injury-hit Oxford came from behind with Sweetzer playing his first full senior game equalizing with 12 minutes to go and force extra time which Oxford dominated. Seacole put them in front in the second period and then came the dramatic last minute save by Burton from Fear, who had put Plymouth ahead from the spot in the twenty-second minute.

Bradford 2 Burnley 3

In a desperately fought cup replay Burnley won after appearing to be a beaten side at half time. Their defence creaked under Bradford's fiery early pressure and Dolan converted a penalty kick. Baines increased the lead with a header on half time.

Burnley made a spirited recovery and after Noble had pulled one back with a header a minute after half time Bradford's defence was subjected to heavy pressure. Cochrane and Ingham turned the tables to give Burnley a win merited by their second half recovery.

Results yesterday

League Cup, second round replays

Bradford (2) 2 Burnley (0) 3
Dolan (pen) Noble
Baines Cochrane
9,192 Bingham
Darlington (0) 1 Fulham (0) 0
Lyons 5,061
Peterborgh (0) 1 Middlesbrgh (0) 0
Robson 8,093
After extra time.
Plymouth (1) 1 Oxford Utd (0) 2
Fear (pen) Sweetzer
8,524 Seacole
After extra time.

Third division

Rotherham (0) 0 Hull (2) 2
6,389 Horswill
Bannister

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Cup, first round replays: Crawley 3, Hastings 0; Hounslow 2, Addlestone 3; Trowbridge 1, Yeovil 2. First division, north: Bedworth 1, Cambridge City 3; Gloucester 2, Stourbridge 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Goole 2, Frickley 0; Stafford 0, Mossley 3; Barrow 2, Lancaster 1; Gainsborough 0, Gateshead 1; Runcorn 6, Macclesfield 0. Cup, first round replays: Netherfield 0, Workington 1; Southport 2, South Liverpool 4 (after extra time).

FA CUP: Preliminary round replays: Berkhamsted 1, Chesham 0; Hemel Hempstead 0, Harlow 4; Aylesbury 2, Didcot 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Hayes 2, Boreham Wood 1; Hendon 0, Dulwich 1; Hitchin 2, Enfield 1; Kingstonian 1, Woking 3; Leatherhead 3, Staines 0; Tooting and Mitcham 0, Barking 2; Wycombe 0, Slough 1.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Fleet 0, Dorking 4; Harefield 0, Uxbridge 4; Leyton Wingate 1, Billericay 3; Marlow 1, Burnham 2; Windsor 4, Chalfont St Peter 0.

RUGBY UNION: Exeter 38, Dallas 4; Rosslyn Park 32, Workingham 6; Harlequins 35, Woodford 0; Halifax 16, St Helens 3; Nuneaton 6, Leicester 35; Old Haberdashers 3, Akron (Ohio) 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Floodlight competition, preliminary round: Hull Kingston Rovers 39, New Hunslet 2; Keighley 10, Dewsbury 0. First division: Wakefield Trinity 8, Widnes 0.

Peterborough continue the rout of the big clubs

By Gerald Richmond

Peterborough 1 Middlesbrough 0

Peterborough United, formidable competitors in knock out competitions since their Midland League days, sent Middlesbrough out of the Football League Cup in last night's second-round replay at London Road. After a 0—0 draw at Middlesbrough, the second game went into extra time before Robson, by some margin the oldest player on the field, sneaked behind the Middlesbrough defence to head in a free kick from Slough. Middlesbrough are the ninth First Division club to be eliminated so far and, often promising in the development of their moves, they were so weak in their finishing as to suggest a bleak season ahead.

Peterborough were close to promotion from the third division a few months ago, being kept down only on goal difference, and they showed their qualities by some neat football, many of their moves being aimed towards Butlin's head. Middlesbrough have not changed in style much since Jack Charlton was manager, being at their best in the counter-attack. Craggs, a strong and mobile full back, was more dangerous than most when he attacked down the right, but there was seldom any end product.

On a wet surface, with the rain sweeping down, the pace of Mills and Armstrong posed a threat and Waugh did extremely well to turn over a shot from Mills. Peterborough, though, were always the more dangerous, and Stewart twice had to extend himself in the first half, to keep out a header from Butlin and to turn away a shot from Slough, who had turned beautifully to create room for himself.

Robson, whose age, like that of Basil d'Oliveira, is a matter of some debate, curled acros several teasing centres and Butlin, rising high to one of them, headed into the side netting with Stewart scrambling across. Middlebrough survived an awkward period after half time, Butlin twice coming close to scoring and Stewart managing to touch away a free kick from Robson. There were chances in plenty at both ends, although Middlesbrough's final pass was utterly predictable, but the quality of the two goalkeepers made extra time become inevitable.

Middlesbrough's strong defence was cancelled out by their weak attack, so that it became more and more likely that, if anybody were to score, it would be Peterborough. A couple of ugly tackles brought cautions for Bailey and Carmichael and, in extra time, Ramage could have been sent off the field, so blatant was his foul on the fluent Doyle. After Robson's goal, Middlesbrough were increasingly desperate and their shooting, never impressive, became wildly inaccurate as Peterborough moved through to a home match against Swindon Town in the next round.

PETERBOROUGH UNITED: K. Waugh; J. Carmichael, A. Styles, R. Doyle, W. Green, I. Ross, A Slough, W. McEwan, B. Butlin, T. Anderson, T. Robson.

MIDDLESBROUGH: J. Stewart; J. Craggs, J. Bailey, J. Mahoney (sub, C. Johnston), S. Boam, A. Ramage, M. Proctor, A. McAndrew, W. Ashcroft, D. Mills, D. Armstrong.

Referee: G. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth).

Liverpool to appeal

Liverpool's manager, Bob Paisley, has asked Sheffield United for a videotape recording of last week's League Cup tie when four of his players were booked. He will study the film and then lodge an appeal against the cautions, which came when Dalglish, Case, McDermott and Neal failed to retreat 10 yards from a free kick.

Record Southend fee

Southend United have signed the Sheffield Wednesday defender, David Cusack, for a record club fee of £50,000. He will be in Southend's team to play Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough on Saturday.

Today's football fixtures

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

League Cup, second round replays

Hereford United v Northampton Town.
Leeds United v West Bromwich Albion.
Nottingham Forest v Oldham Athletic.
Tottenham Hotspur v Swansea City.

Scottish first division

Airdrie v Ayr United.
Clydebank v Arbroath.
Dundee v Montrose.
Hamilton v Raith Rovers.
Kilmarnock v Dumbarton.
Queen of South v St Johnstone.
Stirling Albion v Clyde.

Scottish second division

Brechin v Meadowbank
Cowdenbeath v Stranraer.
Dunfermline v Albion Rovers.
East Fife v East Stirling.
Falkirk v Alloa.
Forfar v Stenhousemuir.
Queen's Park v Berwick.

FA CUP: Preliminary round replay: Newbury Town v Andover (5.30).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Oxford City v Sutton United; Carshalton Athletic v Dagenham.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Woking United v Chertsey Town.

RUGBY UNION: Cardiff v Glamorgan Wanderers (7.15); Cornwall v Capt Crawshay's XV (at Camborne, 6.0); Ealing v Wembley (6.0); Harlow v Bishop's Stortford (5.45); Harrow v St Nicholas OB (6.0); Havant v Portsmouth; High Wycombe v Buckinghamshire XV (6.0); Newbury v US Portsmouth; Newport v Bath (7.15); Orierley v Orleans FP; Plymouth Albion v Public School Wanderers (7.15); Rugby v Bedford; Sheffield v Headingley; Streatham-Croydon v Guildford and Godalming; Stroud v Gloucester; Wasps v Hendon (6.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Bradford Northern v Leigh (6.15); Featherstone Rovers v Leeds (6.0); Huddersfield v Salford; St Helens v Barrow; Workington v Warrington (6.30).

Illness forces Robson to give up career

John Robson, Aston Villa's former England under-23 back, has been forced to give up his career through multiple sclerosis. Robson has not played in the first team for a year. His illness was revealed yesterday by the manager, Ronald Saunders, who said: "The specialists have finally decided that he has no chance of playing again."

Villa are making arrangements to give the 28-year-old defender a special benefit game at Villa Park in October. The likely opponents are Moscow Dynamo. Mr Saunders added: "I would like to place on record my own tribute to John and his wife for the marvellous way they have reacted to what must have been an awfully depressing time. John has faced up to the situation with the same courage and determination he showed on the field."

Robson, born in Consett, County Durham, played in championship winning teams in the second and first division with his first club, Derby County.

Texans are outgunned by the champions of Devon

By a Special Correspondent

Exeter 38 Dallas 4

Dallas, one of the premiere rugby clubs in Texas, still have much to learn on this showing, but they showed themselves to be keen and enthusiastic competitors despite having to spend most of the first half in their own 22.

Exeter, the Devon champions, won comfortably by five goals and two tries to a try. Their new capture, the England centre, Charles Kent, delighted the crowd with two splendid tries but had to leave the field 20 minutes from the end with a twisted left knee.

Dallas, who include several converts from American football, are playing seven matches in two weeks in Devon, Wales and Hertfordshire. They are the first Texas club to visit Britain. They lost the opening game of their tour 6—3 to Sidmouth, losing finalists in last year's Devon Cup.

The tour was arranged by their fullback coach, Peter Raven, who played for St Luke's College and Saracens in the early sixties. He had to miss last night's match because of a hand injury.

Dallas asserted themselves more after the break following a first half dominated in Exeter. The Exeter forwards continually drove their opponents back to produce much good ball for the backs.

Kent was the player Exeter supporters came to see, and he opened the scoring with a try after only five minutes, cutting through almost the entire Dallas side for a spectacular try near the posts, which Webb converted. The blond centre scored again after 25 minutes when he looped outside Harding, his left wing, to dive over in the corner. Webb converted again and also tries by Harding and Milford. He could not, however, add the goal points to his own try.

Dallas reserved the best of their rugby for the second period when they held a territorial advantage, and the centre Tamez showed a fine turn of speed to cross for their only try in the corner. It was just reward for some great determination from the Americans. Claybrook missed a good chance of adding to their score when he knocked on with the line at his mercy.

Exeter eased off towards the end and added only two more tries by Hoskin and Staddon, the first converted by Webb.

Oil on troubled waters of training players

By Richard Streeton

One of the more acceptable links between commerce and rugby football was forged yesterday. For the next three years BP Oil Limited are to provide the Rugby Football Union with financial assistance in the areas of coaching, overall fitness and the stimulation of interest among young players. The new sponsorship ties in with BP's established "Challenge to Youth" series of sponsorship among young tennis players and yachtsmen and various other projects at school level.

Stanley Couchman, president of the RFU, and other officials explained the three ways rugby would benefit from BP's involvement. A new booklet *Fitness Training for Rugby* had already been published to help club coaches. Everybody remained only too aware that a lot of players were not properly trained. It was hoped that other coaching booklets and wall charts would follow.

There would now be more money available to help with the preliminary awards' coaching scheme run by the counties for the teaching of simple techniques and also the more advanced coaching awards, based around the residential courses organized by Don Rutherford, the RFU's technical administrator. Finally, a new training film in colour dealing with mini-rugby was to be made this autumn. Leading international players, including W. J. McBride, would be taking part.

More than one RFU spokesman stressed that these new plans were aimed at building on to the coaching structure that already existed. The growth in mini-rugby in particular had been extraordinary though the RFU regarded it, primarily, as an introduction to the 15-a-side game. Some 500 clubs, roughly one-third of those affiliated, now ran mini-rugby with anything between 30 and 300 boys regularly taking part each weekend.

Favourable draw for Sussex in next year's Gillette Cup

After winning the Gillette Cup for the third time, Sussex already have one foot in the quarter final round of next season's competition. The draw made yesterday paired Sussex with either Buckinghamshire or Suffolk at Hove in the second round to begin their defence of the trophy they won by beating Somerset by five wickets at Lord's on Saturday.

Sussex beat Suffolk by six wickets in this year's first round, but they came perilously close to going out against Staffordshire at the next stage, scraping home by two runs. Somerset do not play until the second round either and have home advantage against Derbyshire.

Kent and Essex are sure to be among the favourites although both have to travel. Essex's task is much harder, having to meet Lancashire, one of the most successful counties in limited over cricket and four times winners of the Gillette Cup.

Kent cannot be too displeased with meeting Glamorgan, even though they will not have the fanatical Canterbury backing behind them. An appealing third round tie between Kent and Essex at Canterbury—a meeting of the championship winners and runners up—is in prospect if both can win.

Yorkshire could settle an old score in the second round. They could meet Durham, who humiliated them by five wickets in 1973 to become the first minor county to beat a championship side since the competition began ten years earlier.

FIRST ROUND: Leicestershire v Devon; Gloucestershire v Hampshire; Durham v Berkshire; Buckinghamshire v Suffolk; Glamorgan v Kent; Lancashire v Essex. To be played on June 27.

SECOND ROUND: Durham or Berkshire v Yorkshire; Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire; Glamorgan or Kent v Lancashire or Essex; Northamptonshire v Surrey; Sussex v Buckinghamshire or Suffolk; Middlesex v Gloucestershire or Hampshire; Leicestershire or Devon v Worcestershire; Somerset v Derbyshire. To be played on July 18.

Today's cricket

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Glamorgan (11.0 to 6.30)
MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Northamptonshire (11.0 to 6.30)
NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Essex (11.30 to 7.0)
THE OVAL: Surrey v Middlesex (11.0 to 6.30)
HOVE: Sussex v Kent (11.0 to 6.30)
BIRMINGHAM: Warwickshire v Derbyshire (11.30 to 7.0)
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Somerset (11.0 to 6.30)
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire (11.0 to 6.30)
SECOND XI COMPETITION
DERBY: Derbyshire II v Nottinghamshire II
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire II v Warwickshire II

Second XI competition

DERBY: Derbyshire II, 192 (L. Anderson 59; P. J. Hacker 5 for 38) and 154 for 6 (D. Beckipp 60); Nottinghamshire II, 146 (I. Anderson 5 for 32).

England weakness

Sydney, Sept 5.—The Australian captain, Bobby Simpson, said today that he felt the England party for the tour of Australia later this year lacks "experience and depth in the middle order of the batting". But he added: "They look to have a nice blend of youth and experience and a fair amount of depth in their bowling."—Reuter.

About face by Roberts

The West Indian fast bowler, Roberts, has asked the new John Player League champions, Hampshire, for another contract only a month after walking out on them.

Motor racing

Stricter safety measures at Italian GP

Milan, Sept 5.—The organizers f Sunday's Italian Grand Prix said oday they would step up safety measures at Monza to avoid any repetition of an incident last year n which one spectator died and 0 per injured. Crash barriers nd spectator enclosures are to be strengthened.

Last year a huge billboard rashed into a wooded enclosure ext to the track when its scaffolding gave way under the weight f spectators who had clambered n top before the start of the ace.

There are 28 entrants for the 4 places on the starting grid ext Sunday. The field will be educed to 24 in official practice n Friday and Saturday.—Reuter.

oggers club

Jogging, one of the most popular growth activities in Britain to be coordinated by the formaon of a national jogging club, ponsored by Complan, the health ood product. The National ogging Club has been formed to t as a central coordinating body.

Cycling

DIVONNE LES BAINS: Tour de Avenir: Overall positions: 1, S. uhoroutchenkov (USSR), 3hr 32min 5sec; 2, Morozov (USSR), 3:33.44; Averin (USSR), 3:33.46; 4, abrero (Spain), 3:33.52; 5, Pozzi taly), 3:33.56; 6, Glaus (Switzernd), 3:33.57; 7, Mutter (Switzernd), 3:34.02; 8, Blandin (France), 34.11; 9, Bogaert (Belgium), 35.14; 10, Bukt (Belgium), 3:35.16; 1, Pikkuus (USSR), 3:35.25; 12, riquielion (Belgium), same time; 13, ynik (Poland), same time; 14, oudais (France), 3:35.26; 15, Maas Netherlands), same time.

Hockey

Gibraltar unlikely to rock England boat

From Sydney Friskin

Hanover, Sept 5

Prophets of woe, not few in English hockey, are happily confounded by England's encouraging results in the European Cup, which will be resumed here tomorrow. They are second to West Germany in Group A on goal average and have a reasonable chance of finishing on top. The two remaining group matches seem more crucial to the Germans, who might have some trouble, as they often do, against Poland.

England should beat France easily tomorrow and I cannot see them stumbling against Gibraltar even though they did well to take a point off Poland yesterday. In the event of a tie for first place the position will be decided on goal average. It was much to England's advantage to have had to play their more difficult matches first and their 1—1 draw with West Germany was a good enough start.

The more heartening thought for England is the successful experiment with youth, about which there had been some apprehension after the two disappointing displays against the Netherlands at Bishop's Stortford. The England side who beat Scotland 2—0 yesterday included four young players, Westcott, Watson, Duthie and Godwin. Scotland, in spite of their skills, have fallen too far behind in the group and will have difficulty improving on their seventh position in Madrid.

There could be more complications in the other group where the Netherlands are on top with Spain and Ireland sharing second place. In the event of a tie for this position the issue will be decided on a play-off; so there will be no need to resort to arithmetic. Wales, only a point behind in third place and who have an important match against Ireland tomorrow, are encouraged by their 2—2 draw with the Netherlands in a game which many believe was the best so far in the tournament. Ireland play attractive hockey and are delighted with the performance of O'Driscoll, one of their bright young prospects.

The matches so far indicate a slight falling off in standards, although the Netherlands have maintained the brilliance which helped them to win the silver medal in the fourth World Cup in Buenos Aires, Spain, who won the cup in Madrid, and West Germany are having problems replacing some of their older players.

It is difficult to foresee who will be England's opponents in the semi-final round for which they seem certain to qualify. The events of the next two days will tell. The leading standings are:

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. Germany	3	2	1	0	6	1	5
England	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Poland	3	1	1	1	6	3	3
Scotland	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
France	3	1	0	2	3	11	2
Gibraltar	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Netherlands	3	2	1	0	11	5	5
Spain	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Ireland	3	2	0	1	6	7	4
Wales	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
USSR	3	1	0	2	5	3	2
Czechoslovakia	3	0	0	3	2	7	0

Motor cycling

West Germany and Italy lead in trials

High Chapparal, Sweden, Sept 5.—West Germany and Italy dominated the opening day of the six-day international motor cycle trials here yesterday. West Germany led in the trophy competition for six-man teams; Italy were first in the silver vase event for four-man teams.

The trials are held along country roads and forest paths and designed to test the skill of the riders and reliability of their machines. The United States quickly hit trouble in the four-man competition, losing Leimbach and Davis who crashed, the latter breaking his shoulder.

LEADING POSITIONS: Trophy competition: 1, West Germany, 22.1 points; 2, Italy, 65.17; 3, Czechoslovakia, 129.17; 4, US 247.26; 5, East Germany, 300.07; 6, Finland, 323.20; 9, England, 475.32. Silver vase: 1, Italy, 17.66; 2, West Germany, 60.60; 3, Poland, 89.79; 4, Czechoslovakia, 113.80; 5, Sweden, 231.93; 6, Spain, 241.01; 9, England, 505.38.—Reuter.

Manx event hit by rain

The opening day of the two-day Manx Grand Prix motorcycle meeting on the Isle of Man TT course was called off yesterday because of bad weather. After heavy overnight rain, roads all round the 37¾ mile circuit were wet and there was thick mist over most of the course.

Squash rackets

STOCKHOLM: World series, semi-final round: Hiddy Jahan (Pakistan) beat G. Hunt (Australia), 9—4, 9—7, 3—9, 9—2; Qamar Zaman (Pakistan) beat B. Brownlee (NZ), 4—9, 9—1, 9—1, 9—0.

Athletics

Rono helps to fill the gap caused by Russians

Henry Rono, the triple world record holder from Kenya, is booked for what could be a classic race against the new Finnish discovery, Martti Vainio, in this weekend's international between Britain and Finland at Crystal Palace. Rono confirmed yesterday that he will run as a guest and the organizers, British Meat, expect him to race Vainio, the new European 10,000 metres champion, over 5,000 metres.

Rono, who was the Commonwealth Games 5,000 metres champion and who holds world records at this distance, 10,000 metres and the steeplechase, will prove a special attraction for the Crystal Palace crowd who missed seeing him in the recent meeting sponsored by Rotary Watches. He had to pull out of this meeting at the last moment after the death of President Kenyatta. Rono's appearance helps to lessen the disappointment of Russia's withdrawal from the match.

It is also possible that another of the Finnish long distance masters, Lasse Viren, who missed the European championships because of injury will also line up in either the 5,000 or 10,000 metres. But Brendan Foster is exhausted and will miss this meeting after his exertions of recent weeks.

Haseley Crawford, the Olympic Games 100 metres champion, is the other special guest, but he will not run against Allan Wells, who has entered for only the relay.

Geoffrey Capes, who was disqualified from the European championships after allegedly manhandling an official, returns to action in the shot, although his appearance means a change of schedule as he is due to compete in the European police championships on Saturday.

Sebastian Coe, who came third in the 800 metres in Prague, makes an interesting switch to the 1500 metres at his own request, and Alan Pascoe makes his farewell appearance in a British vest in the 400 metres hurdles. Coe will be partnered by Graham Williamson.

The women's team has four changes from that which battled gallantly against the odds in Prague. The sprint relay team of Kathy Smallwood, Beverley Goddard, Sharon Colyear and Sonia Lannaman, will be out to show the form which brought them an unexpected silver medal, but Donna Hartley runs in the 200 metres only.

Geoffrey Capes the centre of last weekend's disqualification controversy during the European championships at Prague, returns to competition in Austria on Saturday. The 22st British shot champion and Cambridgeshire police constable competes in the International Police Championships at Linz and flies out to Austria today with the blessing of his chief constable, Victor Gilbert.

"I reported what happened in Prague to my superiors as a matter of courtesy and as far as the police are concerned no action will be taken. They feel the Prague incident is best forgotten and that I should go all out to prepare for the events in Austria", he said.

Capes returns home early on Sunday and will be available for Great Britain against Finland at Crystal Palace the same day.

Golf

Miss Cooper joins leaders but weather wins the day

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

A new golf tournament for women was launched yesterday at Caldy in Cheshire and at once ran foul of the weather. The first under-23 championship is being held over 54 holes. The first round leaders were Alison Norman and Deborah Glenn, who scored a three over par 77.

Half the field of 47 had completed the second round when a most unnatural gloom with heavy rain descended over the Dee Estuary and play was stopped for the day since, for a time, it was too dark to see anything. Fortunately with only one round today there will be plenty of time to complete the second round and finish the third.

The two first-round leaders repeated their scores in the afternoon and are tied on 154, a figure on which they were joined by another girl international, Bridget Cooper, of Orsett, who added a 76 to a 78. These are the probable but by no means certain leaders with one round to play.

The view is often taken in sport generally that after the age of 18 competitors should sink or swim at full national level. It is a view encouraged by the early development of young Americans in particular, and it is true in golf that three young players at the top of their profession—Nicholas Faldo, Severiano Ballesteros and Nancy Lopez are all 21. But it is also true that women's golf in Britain has for years lacked enough competitive events at top level.

This event and the British strokeplay championship already established are trying to fill that gap. The late Frances Smith, whose daughter is competing here, was in no doubt of the value of this event and she was one of the great competitors of her age. The scorer of the lowest round here this week will win a medallion she gave to the event before her death.

Mrs Smith's character—a compound of determination, grit, and humility, is a shining example to young players and one can only hope that some of her qualities will rub off on the winner of the medallion. At present the low scorer is Jeanne Gibson, of Chislehurst, who returned a 74 before premature night fell, coming home in 35, two under par.

Miss Norman, who is 19, has played for Lancashire and set a record of 72 on this course when winning the northern junior championship last year. She started as though she meant to equal that record, going out in 35 with two birdies and nothing over par, but she came badly unstuck at the short 10th and long 11th, dropping two shots at each hole. The 500-yard 11th was playing as long as it could, with a cross-wind and an uphill fairway. In the afternoon, Miss Norman dropped four strokes in three holes from the sixth, again taking five at a short hole, but playing the last 10 holes in one under par.

Miss Glenn looked confident and consistent all day. She was hitting more greens when I watched her than the strong trio ahead, consisting of the winner of the British strokeplay championship, Janet Melville: Maxine Burton, a reserve for the Curtis Cup short list of 16, and Stephanie Jolly.

Miss Melville kept going the best of the three although she putts with her two hands startlingly far apart.

Scoring improved generally in the afternoon when the fresh breeze dropped and several had overcome a nervous start. Helen Latham, a former English girls' champion, had the doubtful advantage of playing on her home course and taking the nearest thing to a crowd with her.

She played some good holes but was overtaken by disaster at the 15th. After bunkering her second at that elusive green, she hit two balls out of bounds from the bunker across the green into the hayfield. Susan Bamford, who will be looking for a good result here after a rather depressing season, is tucked in behind the three-way tie with 155.

LEADING SCORES: 154: A. Norman (Wiltshire), 77, 77; D. Glenn (Whitley Bay), 77, 77; B. Cooper (Orsett), 78, 76. 155: S. Bamford (Worthing), 79, 76. 158: H. Wilson (Prudhoe), 78, 80. 159: J. Janter (Wiltshire), 78, 81; J. Smith (Porters Park), 78, 81. 160: K. Ginn (Letchworth), 84, 76; C. Holt (Bolton Old), 83, 77; P. Barry (Burnham and Berrow), 81, 79. 162: D. Hodgson (Whitby), 78, 84.

Julie Walter, the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire champion, led the qualifiers for today's matchplay stages of the midlands women's championships at Longcliffe with a display which makes her favourite for her first title. The qualifying competition was cut to 27 holes when it became evident that the record field were not going to get round the course twice before darkness.

QUALIFIERS: 111: J. Walter, 73, 38. 115: L. Paris, 77, 38; J. Stant, 79, 36. 118: A. Slant, 80, 38; S. Westall, 77, 41; J. Playfair, 80, 38. 120: R. Ferguson, 79, 41; P. Gray, 79, 41. 122: J. Lee, 80, 42; J. Duck, 79, 43; M. Carr, 79, 43. 123: J. Thorne, 77, 46; L. Leo, 80, 43; A. Howe, 79, 44. 124: Miss S. Cowcroft, 78, 46. 125: D. Harris, 85, 39.

SPRINGFIELD (Illinois): Women's tournament: 276: P. Bradley, 67, 66, 73, 70. 280: S. Miller, 67, 69, 73, 71. 281: J. Carner, 70, 70, 73, 68; S. Palmer, 73, 69, 67, 72; P. Pulz (Australia), 74, 67, 68, 72. 282: D. Young, 69, 68, 69, 76. 283: D. Stone, 75, 72, 67, 75; N. Lopez, 70, 69, 72, 72. British scores: 293: M. Walker, 71, 73, 75, 74. 295: J. Lee Smith, 72, 73, 73, 77.

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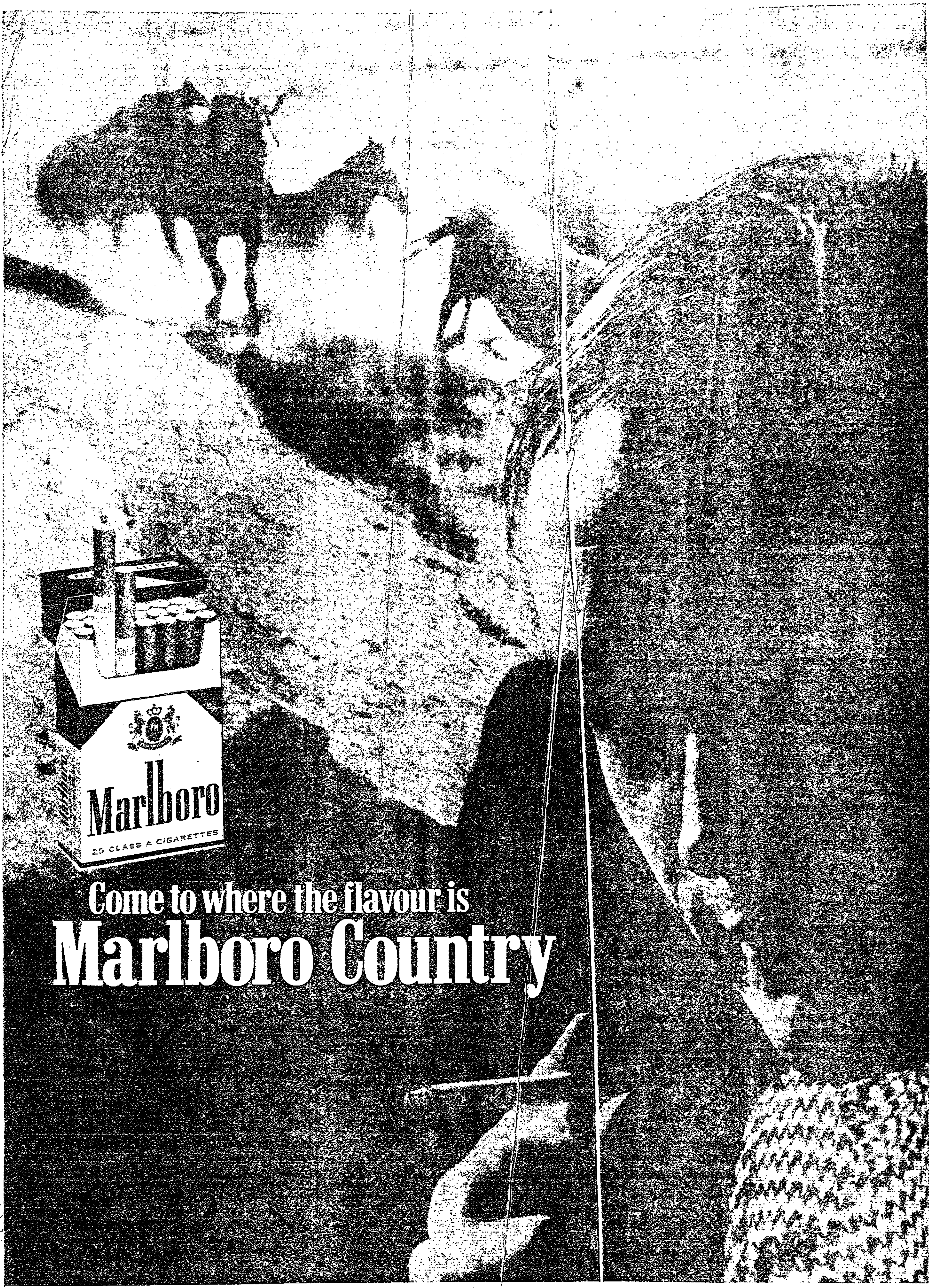

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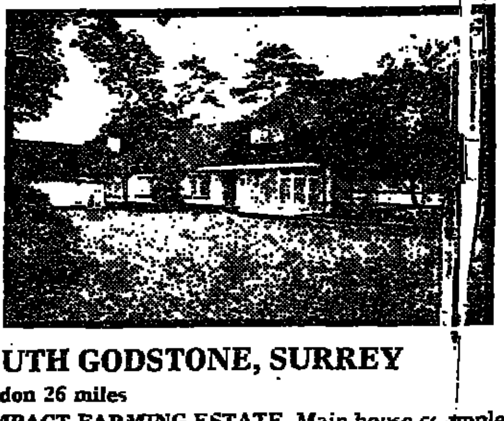

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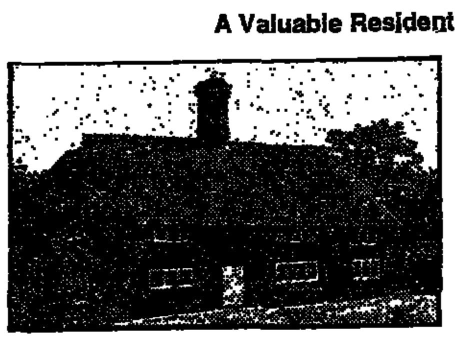

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Rhodesia moves back into the dark ages

Salisbury, Sept 5

There are just over 100 days left this year before white-ruled Rhodesia is supposed to transform itself into the independent black state of Zimbabwe. Yet so confused and turbulent have events become in this tragically ravaged country, it is now extremely doubtful that the December 31 independence date laid down both in the Salisbury agreement and the Anglo-American plan will be met.

Instead Rhodesia, once one of the most orderly of African states, seems on the point of anarchy, particularly after the appalling killing of the survivors of the Air Rhodesia plane crash.

Beyond the relative safety of the main cities, five armies are vying with one another to gain control of various parts of the countryside.

These are the Rhodesian security forces, which despite their failure to stem the guerrilla influx from Zambia and Mozambique are still by far the most powerful single force in the land, the Zipra (Nkomo) and Zanla (Mugabe) wings of the Patriotic Front, whose common aim of overthrowing the Salisbury regime is often forgotten as the two sides shoot it out between themselves; and armed supporters loyal to two internal black leaders, Bishop Abel Muzorewa and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, some of whom have been carrying out acts of terror and intimidation which are as awful as any perpetrated by the Patriotic Front guerrillas.

In addition there are many armed bands who owe allegiance to no one but themselves and who go around plundering, raping and murdering.

The situation is like Britain during the Dark Ages when feudal war-lords fought each other for power. The scene seems to be set for a full-scale civil war, in which the rural blacks who have already born the brunt of the past six years of fighting would be the main victims.

The political confusion has been increased by the recent meeting between Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, and Mr Joshua Nkomo, co-leader of the Patriotic Front, in Lusaka.

Although it was widely known that Mr Smith was maintaining lines of communication with Mr Nkomo, the public revelation that the two had held a secret meeting has not only further divided Mr Nkomo and his partner, Mr Robert Mugabe, but has sown confusion among the black "front-line" states and has probably assured the final collapse of the Salisbury accord.

By going to Lusaka Mr Smith has made a public admission of what white ministers in the interim government have accepted for weeks—that the internal settlement had failed and it is necessary to look for an alternative.

Several options were open to Mr Smith. He could have agreed to go to the all-party conference being canvassed by the British and Americans in the hope that something might come out of it, although it was hard to see what this could be.

Attendance would at least have gained him a few more months to add to his "13 glorious years" and could have coincided with a change of government (and perhaps a modified policy in Britain). He could have considered a "return to legality" along the lines being suggested by Mr Reginald Maudling and others.

Although this would mean an effective surrender of all that Mr Smith stood for when he declared UDI in 1965, it is nevertheless an idea which has been gaining favour in Salisbury recently. Instead he took a third option of trying to prise Mr Nkomo away from Mr Mugabe and lure him back to Salisbury and the internal settlement.

Mr Smith knew Mr Nkomo was not wholly opposed to this idea (despite his constant denials) because his various emissaries who had seen the Zapu leader in London and Lusaka had reported that he would consider returning if the price was right.

In the event it seems the price offered by Mr Smith—permanent chairmanship of the ruling Executive Council until elections are held—was not quite good enough.

The return of Mr Nkomo to Salisbury would have its obvious attractions. First, it would destroy the Patriotic Front and leave Mr Mugabe dangerously isolated. If Mr Mugabe's Zanla forces continued fighting it would be easier to deal with them without having to pursue a war on Rhodesia's western borders as at present.

Mr Nkomo would presumably only agree to return to Salisbury if he had the blessing of President Kaunda of Zambia, a central figure among the "front-line" leaders. President Kaunda badly needs a settlement in Rhodesia and would probably back any plan which would guarantee an effective transfer of power to Mr Nkomo. So too would the British, the Americans, the South Africans and the Russians, all of whom have their own reasons for wanting to see Mr Nkomo move into Mr Smith's seat in Milton Buildings.

However, a dangerously erroneous belief seems to have developed both in Rhodesia and overseas that the mere involvement of Mr Nkomo in a settlement would resolve most of the country's political problems.

Mr Nkomo is projected as a strong and powerful leader, the only African with strength of personality to steer an independent Zimbabwe through the troubled waters that lie ahead. Furthermore, despite his heavy military commitment to Moscow, he is still regarded as a pragmatist who would quickly recognize the advantages of maintaining Rhodesia's free market system more or less intact and thus encourage the white population to remain.

All this may be true, but it overlooks the fact that Mr Nkomo is a minority leader among Rhodesian blacks. Despite the very genuine attempts to turn Zapu into an organization which transcends tribal boundaries (which have recently met with some success), it is still essentially an Ndebele party, and whatever their political differences, virtually all Shonas are agreed that they would not accept a political settlement which leaves the Ndebeles in power.

Therefore Mr Nkomo needs to form an alliance with a Shona leader to win the support of the majority of the country. But who? Presumably if he has by then split with Mr Mugabe he could not expect much support from that quarter, and it is hard to see him and Bishop Muzorewa patching up past differences, although an alliance could perhaps be struck up with one of Bishop Muzorewa's principal lieutenants, Mr James Chikerema. Neither of the other two members of the executive council, the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole or Chief Jeremiah Chirau, is thought to have sufficient popular support to make them into worthwhile partners.

The danger of Mr Nkomo abandoning Mr Mugabe and returning to Salisbury is that in so doing he could drive Bishop Muzorewa into an alliance with Mr Mugabe. Bishop Muzorewa has so far resisted such a move

However any attempt to "impose" Mr Nkomo in power—power which Bishop Muzorewa believes should rightfully be his—could drive him towards Mr Mugabe. The scene would then be set for an Ndebele-Shona civil war.

So what happens now? It would seem there is little prospect of holding an all-party conference in the near future because of the divisions and distrust caused by the Smith-Nkomo meeting. Instead, Mr Smith will probably continue to maintain contact with Mr Nkomo who has admitted that further meetings could not be ruled out.

At the same time Mr Smith will try to patch up his differences with his internal black colleagues who have accused him of acting treacherously and of attempting to "sell-out" the internal settlement. But such a rapprochement would be likely to be cosmetic because Mr Smith and his white colleagues have become convinced that their black partners are not capable of fulfilling their side of the Salisbury accord—namely, to introduce an effective enough ceasefire to allow reasonably free and fair elections to take place.

The internal settlement is a failure: about that there can no longer be any doubt. It has failed in its three main objectives—to stop the war, to gain international recognition and bring about the lifting of sanctions. There are also signs that it is increasingly rejected by blacks, as is shown by the derisory attendance at meetings addressed by transitional government ministers.

Bishop Muzorewa, who not long ago was indisputably the most popular black leader, has lost wide-spread support among Africans not only because of his own prevarication and indecision, but because he is seen to be party to accord which would not have resulted genuine majority rule.

The tragedy of Rhodesia since UDI h always been that Mr Smith leaves thin too late before deciding to act. He cou have established his pact with Mr Nkon in 1976 after the collapse of the Victor Falls talks, but he pitched his price t high; and the internal settlement cou have been made to work if Mr Smith h persuaded his black colleagues of t need to work fast and resolutely in ca rying out the interim government's task

There can be little doubt that if th interim government had demonstrated i determination to satisfy the aspiration of the black masses instead of panderin to the fears (many of them illusory) o the whites it could have won overwhelm ing black support to the extent that ma guerrillas might have been persuad to lay down their arms. In such circu stances Britain and the United Stat would have little option but to give their support.

But it is probably too late for that no A Muzorewa-led government would be extremely fragile one. There is litt chance anyway, in view of the deteriora ing security situation, that even partiall free and fair elections could be held— point which has been acknowledged b several of Mr Smith's ministers.

So the country's six and a half millio blacks and quarter of a million whites ar faced with the grim alternative of even more bloodshed and further atrocities.

As a black priest in Umtali put it the other day: "Most of us are just trying to stay alive, that's all." It is a task whic the struggle to gain political control of a independent Zimbabwe is making increas ingly difficult.

Nicholas Ashford

The English have a word for it

In the north-east they call it a netty; in the north-west a nessy. Both come from the Latin necessarius. In Suffolk they call it a privy; in Norfolk a petty. Along wide tracts of the south coast they say closet, though there are considerable enclaves that say dunnekin of dubious etymology. There are six small distributional areas for the Old English word shithouse, scattered from Devon in the south-west as far east as Suffolk and as far north as Yorkshire. The fascinating variations in dialect and pronunciation, grammar, syntax, and modes of idiomatic expression that distinguish the diverse tribes of England have at last been mapped. It is the fulfilment of a dream that scholars have had for most of this century, and the culmination of a programme of research that was started in the University of Leeds by the late and great Harold Orton just 30 years ago. The maps illustrate the lovely Babel from which English sprang, and in which to an extent it still exists.

Language is one of man's most potent defining characteristics. Every time we open our mouths, we give ourselves away; we make a statement about our origins in addition to the statement we think we are making. We place people by listening to their speech. We place them not just by nationality and social class, but by region. I am a Geordie; thou art a Cockney; she has just come oop from Zummerzet, or at any rate the cider-apple counties of the south-west; we sound unmistakably Mancherter; you are all Norfolk; and they have been listening to too much television.

These variations in pronunciation, intonation, vocabulary, and grammar can be plotted on a map with contours called isoglosses. Such maps are of interest not merely to specialists in language, but to other kinds of historian and social scientist, who are concerned with the roots of English society. For the strongest of our roots is the way we speak. These regional dialects are gradually being eroded by the new social mobility that scatters us pell-mell from our natal regions into the cities, and also by the insipid, characterless, mid-Atlantic mush of Television-Speak, which is an appropriate dialect for the mindless rubbish that is spoken.

In the summer of 1945 Harold Orton and Eugen Dieth, of the University of Zurich, resumed a long correspondence about the crying need for a linguistic atlas of England, before the linguistic ground was completely ploughed up by the linguistic vandals of our brave new world. Fieldwork and patient preparation got under way. The English Dialect Survey was carried out in the 1950s and 1960s by members of the Institute of Dialect and Folk Life Studies at the University of Leeds.

After much trial and error Orton and Dieth devised a questionnaire of 1,300 questions for the linguistic atlas. For example, a lexical one: what is left at the bottom of your teacup when you've finished drinking the tea? The replies ranged from dregs in East Anglia to grouts along the south coast. The interviewers put the questions in a network of 313 places throughout England. They were mainly villages with a stable population of about 500 principally engaged in agriculture. But four groups of townies were included: Leeds, York, Sheffield, and the London Borough of Hackney.

The fieldworkers were instucted to interview elderly men and women who were natives of the place, and if possible both of whose parents were natives also. The object of the survey was to record the most conservative forms of dialect speech, so the informants were to be over 60 years of age, with good mouths, teeth, and hearing.

The questionnaire eventually yielded more than 404,000 gobbets of linguistic information, which have been published in phonetic characters in *Basic Material* volumes. Now at last the strife of questioning is over, the battle won. *The Linguistic Atlas of England* is published today with 473 maps that chart with isoglosses and keys the ancient roots of the English tongue. When you pour the boiling water onto the leaves in the tea-pot, what do your say you are doing? Well, in most of Yorkshire you mash, but in Lancashire you brew. You soak in the south-west, wet in much of the south, and scald in a patch of the west. Oddly, in view of our disgusting native passion for tea, all the replies were borrowings from the jargon of beermaking, except for scald, which is borrowed from the French.

If the survey had penetrated north of the border into Scotland, it would have picked up the Latin term infuse from the terminology of herbal medicine. The great atlas, so long wished for, so learnedly and laboriously produced, is now available to explain the way we speak, which is an important part of what we are. And now, if you will excuse me, I am fammelled after all this scribbling, and am off for a nammet, or if you prefer, a bagging.

Philip Howard

The Linguistic Atlas of England, edited by Harold Orton, Stewart Sanderson, and John Widdowson. Croom Helm, £42.50.

The Rock casts another shadow

Spanish infantrymen watch from their side of the border as British troops change guard in Gibraltar. Will the gates between them ever open?

From any point of the compass the Rock of Gibraltar is casting a shadow over three major foreign policy questions affecting Britain's relations with Spain. They are Spanish entry into the EEC, the possibility of Spanish membership of Nato, and the question of a State visit to Britain by King Juan Carlos.

The issue of Gibraltar has been around since 1713 when the Rock was ceded to Britain in the Treaty of Utrecht which ended the Spanish War of Succession. Though it is now being handled quietly at the official level between London and Madrid its capacity to inflame emotions on both sides is well recognized by ministers and officials.

While Franco was in power, diplomatic relations between Britain and Spain were kept to a minimum. The fact that Gibraltar was an additional source of difficulty did not matter as it might now. But since Spain has now rejoined the fraternity of western democracies, and may soon belong to Europe's collective institutions, the question of Gibraltar threatens to become a tiresome irritant which may inhibit the resumption of full and unfettered relations between Britain and Spain.

Spain has many other political preoccupations such as a new constitution, the possibility of elections and the continuing violence in the Basque country. But Spanish anger over Gibraltar is always only just below the surface. If it became reactivated now it would clearly show an absolute unanimity among Spaniards of all persuasions: that the Rock with the Union Jack flying over it is an affront to Spanish sovereignty.

The British on their part have taken the view that there can be no change in the status of Gibraltar without the full consent of the people of Gibraltar; and that is not likely to be achieved while the Spanish restrictions on Gibraltar remain in force, or for a long time after they are lifted.

These were first imposed with the closure of the frontier 14 years ago, and are still being maintained with some rigour (the Spanish call them "measures" but they are clearly restrictions). Traffic of any kind across the frontier is still prohibited, and aircraft landing at Gibraltar have to keep out of Spanish airspace. The only overt alleviation of these restrictions has been with the telephone link, which was reconnected for the holiday period last Christmas and was not disconnected again afterwards. Lately there have been some other signs that communications may be partially restored, but the ferry across the bay to Algeciras still does not operate, though some pleasure boats seem to be able to make the crossing.

The British response has been to state that it will "sustain and support" the Gibraltarians to the full. Moreover London has told Madrid that, since the ultimate question of Gibraltar's relationship with Spain can only be decided with the consent of the Gibraltarians themselves, it would seem to be self-defeating to persist with a policy which basically implies a readiness to use coercion.

This summer has witnessed some movement on the question, though nothing spectacular. When Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, visited Madrid last year he suggested that the two Foreign Ministers should see what they could do. This suggestion was followed up in April by a meeting in Paris between the two Foreign Ministers, with the Gibraltar Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition. The outcome of that meeting was to set up three working parties to study technical questions and to see if there were ways to escape from the current impasse, given a political will in either London or Madrid.

The three commisions had a second session in London in July and hope to meet again in Madrid in September. Little progress has been made.

The Spanish attitude is that it is hard to see what concessions the British or Gibraltarians would make in response to such a major Spanish concession as the lifting of the restrictions. The Spanish Government suspect that Gibraltarians would just carry on as normal, hoping to have it both ways, unless the British undertook to apply some pressure to the Gibraltarians to address themselves to the prospect of integration with Spain. Before the death of Franco, Spain offered the Gibraltarians dual citizenship and some kind of autonomy. Though this offer has been made more realistic because of the autonomous status now being granted to other regions of Spain, and by the post-Franco liberalization, it has not been specifically updated or repeated by the Government of Prime Minister Suárez.

What London has to do is to search for some obvious response to make it worthwhile to the Spaniards to lift their restrictions. Lawyers in both capitals have studied the implications of the restrictions in the context of Spain and Britain both being members of the EEC, and the conclusion is that the restrictions could continue to be applied without it being considered illegal under the Community rules, since trade and traffic between Gibraltar and Spain would not be generally prohibited, only across that particular part of the frontier.

In the Nato context Britain would find it much easier to make the base a going concern with Spain as a fellow member of the alliance. While British strategic interests in Gibraltar are purportedly now only minimal, there would clearly be a Nato interest in using Gibraltar as a base and not just regarding it as an installation which had to be denied to anybody else. But Britain has avoided installing any up-to-date equipment in Gibraltar for fear that it could have been disrupted or interfered with by the Spanish.

There is also the question of a possible State visit by King Juan Carlos to Britain. He has made a number of important State visits in the past two years—the last one being to China—and several have been returned, most notably the return visit of President Giscard d'Estaing. Britain seems to stand alone and apart from this coming and going, which symbolizes Spain's welcome return to democracy after the long dark night of Franco. The sole reason for this aloofness may not be Gibraltar, since—perhaps because of the residual mythology of the left wing and the Spanish civil war—the Labour government was particularly slow to appreciate the tremendous changes which were occurring in Spanish policy after the death of Franco. However there is also a considerable Gibraltar lobby in Britain, on both the right and left, which would criticize any government very loudly which appeared to be selling out the Gibraltarians to Madrid.

So while the issue itself could lie fallow for sometime, it may be forced more into the limelight by developments in any one of these three areas. For instance, the accession of Spain to the EEC will require parliamentary ratification at Westminster. That could easily provide the opportunity for obstruction by the Gibraltar lobby if no easement in Spanish restrictions had been achieved. Secondly the question of Spanish entry into Nato, though generally desired by all members of the alliance even if it is not accepted for several years, could itself be bedevilled by emotional opposition to the idea that Spain and Britain could be military allies when there is this "rock of contention" between them.

Finally, any State visit by King Juan Carlos seems likely to be still-born unless and until the Anglo-Spanish discussions on Gibraltar show some sign of genuine movement. He is obviously keen to come, and the Queen in [illegible] invited him to do so when he visited Sandringham last year. But he recognizes the damage that could be done to his own position within Spain if he came to London without the Spaniards being able to perceive any sign of flexibility in the Gibraltar situation. Likewise in London the advice the Foreign Secretary will receive from his department is that—though Gibraltar is a small issue in itself—it is not worth the risk of having a State visit disrupted by it, welcome though that visit would be in context of Britain's wider western European policy.

Charles Douglas-Home

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Busing the only cloud on Canyon horizon

From undulating Sunset Boulevard, about 200 yards away, comes the occasional squeal of tyres or the wail of a police car's siren. Otherwise just about the loudest noise by the large, kidney-shaped swimming pool is the excited clicking of a humming bird as it hovers, wings a green blur, sipping nectar from the blooms of its favourite fuschia bush.

Not a little nectar can be sipped, too, from the experience of swapping houses with a prosperous American couple living in one of Los Angeles's ritzier residential suburbs. He is a senior engineer working for the Rand Corporation, the defence-oriented think-tank in nearby Santa Monica, and an ardent ham radio enthusiast.

His wife is a gifted potter, and their spacious home is in Pacific Palisades (population 32,000, median income $33,000), situated about three miles before Sunset Boulevard runs steeply downhill to the ocean road leading eventually to San Francisco. We are outside Los Angeles's city limits, and well clear of the smog zone. Each morning the clouds are burnt away by 11 am, leaving a pure blue sky, a temperature of around 73°F—which soars by 20° a couple of miles inland—and a cool breeze. The Pacific is a few minutes drive away.

The house has a broad, 50ft long sitting room, surprisingly cosy, with a sloping timber ceiling, a dining area at one end, and sliding doors giving on to the swimming pool, which is heated to 88°, just short of tepid. The kitchen, big enough for family meals, has a 5ft 6in high side-by-side fridge-cum-freezer, and every other conceivable item of equipment, including a micro-wave oven. More important, it is beautifully planned.

There are three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a television room with a huge colour set assembled by our absent host, a separate room with some 40 items of radio equipment, and a room used for pottery. Outside by the swimming pool is a radio mast with a huge H-shaped aerial and a forest of smaller ones capable of coping with satellite transmissions. Since revolutions traditionally start with the seizure of radio stations, we sometimes toy with the idea of going on the air and announcing a coup.

Every room has at least one electric clock, to a total of ten, and even the sundial by the front porch is clinically accurate. An intercom system enables one to talk and listen to all the main rooms, from all of them, and [illegible] padding along corridors.

To complete the contrast with the modest appearances of our Hampstead home, the car (also swapped) is a 20-ft long, gas-guzzling Ford LTD country Squire estate waggon, in whose remoter depths a quiet child can seem to have been mislaid. It does around 12 mpg, and has all mod cons like air-conditioning and a remote control device for opening the garage door as one approaches. At first the power-assisted brakes almost sent me through the windscreen. A cumbersome relic of a fast-declining breed, but superb for carrying large numbers of people long distances.

Some of the classier film stars, like Douglas Fairbanks, David Niven and Joseph Cotten, have had homes in Pacific Palisades, where houses worth £500,000 are not uncommon. But in this section called Rustic Canyon, the immediate neighbours are respectively an architect and an insurance consultant, who admittedly has a Rolls-Royce and is a member of Lloyd's, but is not reckoned to be particularly rich. Two cars per home are almost invariable, and four common. To get around without a car is impossible.

It is ironical therefore that one of the main topics of conversation here should be busing: that is, the transportation of white children to schools in areas—sometimes 45 minutes away—with a majority of black or immigrant children.

This is due to begin on September 12, following a decision by the state court. Even liberals doubt whether busing is an effective means of tempering Los Angeles's particularly severe problem of racial segregation: one can drive through areas like Hyde Park and Watts for 30 minutes without seeing a single white face. Two immediate results have been an increase in "white flight" to unaffected areas; and a sharp increase in applications to private schools.

All this bulks large in the *Los Angeles Times*, which is tossed daily onto our driveway, and was indeed confirmed when we were invited to dinner down the road with a school teacher and her physicist husband, along with other Canyon-dwellers with names like Chuck and Carlene.

One meets few native Californians. But friendliness and a more relaxed approach to life seems to blossom in the Californian sun, and Los Angeles as a whole seems to provide the sort of anonymity which can enable people to develop their own individuality. Even the cash till in the local general store bears a sticker enjoining: Slow Down. "I used to resent it when strangers spoke to me as if they had known me for years", said a former Bostonian. "Now I like it." The pushiness, competitiveness and short temper of New York are another world.

Equally far away, here in Rustic Canyon, is the ever-prickling smog and repetitive commercialism of downtown Los Angeles. The first thing to strike us is the magnificence of the trees—a feature of west Los Angeles as a whole, enhanced here perhaps by the moist ocean air sucked in by the ravine. The eucalyptus, imported from Australia and planted in vast quantities just 100 years ago, sycamore and pines are particularly fine, with coral trees and oleander providing colour. The slightly vulgar palm trees of Santa Monica and Beverly Hills are mercifully rare. The lemon tree by our kitchen door groans with fruit.

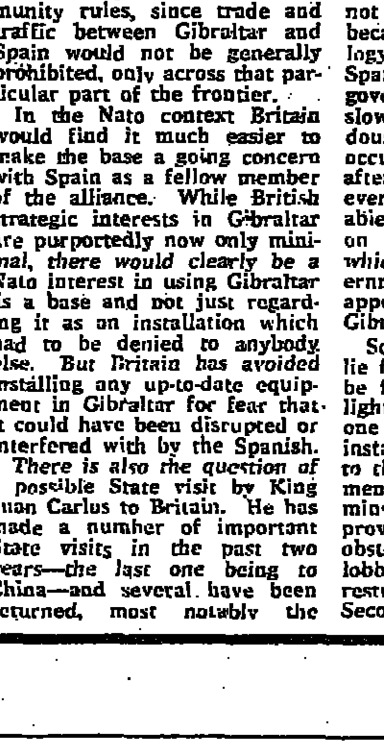
The local beach is named after Will Rogers, the cowboy who became an entertainer, commentator and landowner before being killed in his prime in 1935 in an aircrash. His former ranch nearby is now a state park, where polo is played twice a week and eagles soar overhead. For watching surfers riding the great breakers, Malibu beach a few miles up the road is better. They make a slightly surrealist tableau as they wait in their black rubber protective clothing—the water is extremely cold—for the right moment to mount their surf boards. Further out, wild pelicans can be seen flapping over the water.

If Malibu is for golden youth and the cult of the body beautiful, Venice, on the city side of Santa Monica, is for observing the latest crazes. These seem to be roller skating and, to a lesser extent, bicycling (jogging has become almost a majority pursuit).

Venice was developed at the turn of the century, complete with Venetian architecture and shortlived canals, and has reemerged as a centre for artists and for those whose desire to do their own thing fringes eccentricity or exhibitionism. Seen there recently: a middle-aged male hippie type playing the recorder while roller skating, and a blind man roller skating with a sensitized white stick. Even the beach police wear their pistols over shorts.

Mainly for parking considerations, we chickened out when we went to the Hollywood Bowl for a concert, and took advantage of the bus shuttle service from a near by suburb: cheap and painless. The Bowl's open air auditorium seats 17,000, and the tradition is to eat a picnic there before the concert. Food is on sale at stalls, tables are provided, and out come the table cloths, even candles and roses, and much Californian wine as concert-goers tuck in as if at some vast and democratic Glyndebourne. But at Glyndebourne the music does not have to compete with the chirping of crickets and—on our evening—the beauty of a full moon so bright one could read the programme by it.

Roger Berthoud



Of course I can keep a secret, my dear; I'm in oil...

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SWAZILAND

Paternal government for no-party state

by Denis Taylor

Swaziland reaches the tenth anniversary of its independence as a kingdom inside the British Commonwealth today with one of the healthier black African economies, but faced by continuing constraints on its freedom to conduct genuinely independent policies.

This beautiful country, reminiscent in places of both Switzerland and the Highlands of Scotland, has an area of 6,704 square miles, half the size of Holland, and a population of little more than 500,000. In some ways it has a remarkably self-contained atmosphere. *Unlike* most African states, which are legacies of arbitrary lines drawn on the map by European colonizers, Swaziland is ethnically more of a unit.

Britain took over Swaziland in 1902 in the aftermath of the South African war. Swaziland had become a protected dependency of the Boers in 1894, but King Bunu had appealed for British protection when charged with murder after the execution of a Swazi official. The King was in fact tried by the British and punished with a fine of £500.

The Swazi have a distinct pattern of kingship and see themselves as different from non-Swazi, black and white. King Sobhuza II, their ruler since 1921, is the longest-reigning monarch in the world.

On one level the Swazi seem able to assert their determination to continue doing things in a uniquely Swazi way rather than rush into embracing outside influences.

The King suspended the experiment with Westminster politics in 1973. At present Swaziland is a no-party state. A second post-independence constitution has yet to be promulgated. Elections are to be held this year for the first time since the multi-party contest of 1972, but it is assumed that only the names of acceptable candidates will be put forward.

But in spite of such autocratic trappings, Swaziland is governed by paternalism, not dictatorship.

Swaziland is a reasonably open society as far as developing countries go. But perhaps in discussing aspects of autocracy and democracy the Westerner is using terms familiar to him but alien to the Swazi. As Hilda Kuper says in her anthropological study, *The Swazi; a South African Kingdom*: "The traditional Swazi constitution is complex, and in some respects extremely subtle. . . . The structure of Swazi kingship restrained despotism".

The sense of openness is increased by those features of modern Swaziland far removed from its traditions. Swazi rituals are among the attractions for the white tourists who flock there.

But the key to the tourist appeal is that activities prohibited in South Africa are permitted *in Swaziland*. The most luxurious hotel has a casino attached, sex films which would have to be smuggled into South Africa are openly screened in cinemas, and white men are allowed to sleep with black girls. Black prostitutes are said to come to Swaziland from South Africa.

On a more wholesome level, the sort of interracial social mixing which is still far from easy in South Africa because of the whole complex of legal and customary inhibitions is possible in Swaziland.

As Swaziland is part of the Rand Monetary Area, visitors do not even have to change money. South African rand and the local currency, the lilangeni (plural emalangeni) which is pegged to the rand, are used interchangeably. A South African can almost persuade himself that he has not really left home except for the illicit pastimes which suddenly become allowed.

The patrons of hotels and restaurants are predominantly white, and those who wait on them black.

But although a similar economic imbalance between the races exists as in South Africa, the legal barriers of apartheid are absent. The Swazi are strikingly more self-assertive in dealing with whites than their counterparts in the Transvaal and Natal, which almost surround Swaziland.

The way a Swazi talks to a white underlines that the black is in his own country and not at the bottom of a racially divided heap. This *is even a land where a few* white South Africans seek sanctuary because they have broken their own laws by marrying someone of a different colour, or because they want to avoid military service.

Black refugees from South Africa fall into different categories. Some families have been in Swaziland since the 1960s. Between *100 and 150 of the 400* refugees registered under the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' mandate are student exiles from Soweto, after the troubles there in 1976. Some who arrived in Swaziland from Soweto went on to Mozambique and Tanzania. It is thought that some of them received guerrilla training. Others went on to *study abroad*.

Fewer than 30 of the registered refugees are from Mozambique and fewer than 20 from Uganda. Some of the Africans *seeking asylum* in Swaziland are immediately allowed to stay with relatives and friends. Others are held in prison, sometimes for months, while their cases are examined.

More than 2,000 members of a clan straddling the south-eastern border are estimated to have crossed into Swaziland after a dispute over the appointment of a chief.

Another category, who have been described, probably misleadingly, as refugees, are ethnic Swazis from South Africa who come to Swaziland to go to school. There has been some controversy over the way non-Swazi are takink up places needed for local pupils.

Education has proved to be the most explosive issue in Swaziland since independence. Police used tear gas to disperse students during several days of rioting last October. They were demonstrating in support of their teachers, who were on strike in protest against the non-implementation of recommended pay awards.

Fences have been mended with the Frelimo Government since Mozambique's independence three years ago. But in spite of disclaimers of concern when asked questions about Mozambique, the authorities are worried. A conservative monarchy with a much bigger Marxist neighbour is probably justified in such preoccupations.

Mozambique is not, however, a constraint on Swaziland's room to manoeuvre. Its even bigger, and much more powerful neighbour, South Africa, is.

In spite of its attacks on apartheid and its endorsement of Organization of African Unity resolutions against the republic, Swaziland can do little which runs counter to the interests of Pretoria.

One leading government source in Mbabane argued that all the other OAU member states recognized that they could not realistically expect Swaziland to do more for the cause of black liberation in southern Africa. If it came to the crunch, South Africa could cut off its vital food supplies and the Swazi people would starve. South Africa was Swaziland's "God-given neighbour".

The Swazi authorities have cracked down on the illegal possession of arms by South African blacks and detained members of the Pan-African Congress.

Recently the most disturbing incident for the Swazi authorities in their close, but unofficial, relationship with South Africa has been the death of a Swazi education official in police custody in the Orange Free State at the end of June.

Mr Samuel Shabangu was arrested at a border crossing for having failed to appear in court in Ficksburg, in the Orange Free State, on a drink-driving charge. On his arrest, he was taken more than 400 miles to Ficksburg, where he died six days later. After a post-mortem examination at Bloemfontein, it was stated that death was due to pneumonia.

A United Nations pathologist who examined the body later said that vital internal organs were missing. The Swazi authorities accused the South Africans of gross neglect and called for an independent inquest.

In spite of some diversification, the South African dominance in investment and communications remains a daily fact of life. Try to reach an important person who is away from his office and he is likely to be in Johannesburg, the nearest business centre and site of the international airport which is Swaziland's main link with the outside world.

Although Swaziland's dependence on the Reef is much less than Lesotho's, in 1976 one Swazi in 25 of the population worked in the South African goldmines. *The Swazi do not like South* Africa's political and social system, but they do not indulge in the hypocrisy of some other black states which have economic ties with the republic but pretend they do not exist.

Swaziland does not have diplomatic relations with Pretoria. But as all that needs to be done to talk to *anyone in South Africa* is to pick up a telephone, such formal links are not strictly necessary. Some of Mbabane's other connexions with the outside world are unusual.

Israel, shunned by almost all the OAU, has a mission, as does Taiwan, which is running several agricultural projects. Taiwan's embassy is next door to that of the United States. Presumably if Washington eventually accedes to Peking's pressure to break with Taipei, the Americans and the heirs of Chiang Kai-shek will be able to keep in touch through this pleasant small town in Africa.

Extended detention curbs dissent

by Michael Newlands

Police armed with rifles stood by as bulldozers demolished the homes of more than a hundred families, people who had no-*where else* to stay because of inadequate housing facilities and exorbitant rents, in an independent African country.

The scene was not the infamous Crossroads in South Africa's Western Cape, but Mageveni in Matsapa, Swaziland.

The tiny African kingdom, ruled by one of the few remaining monarchs in the world with absolute power, has begun to emulate the methods of big brother and protector, South Africa, when dealing with those who do not conform to the rigid government policy.

A 60-day detention order, which can be, and frequently is, extended indefinitely, is employed to silence the growing forces of dissent. Musa Shongwe, a prominent Swazi lawyer, is incarcerated in Matsapa prison after he had the temerity to point out in a court case, in which three youths of the South African Pan African Congress were charged with the illegal possession of arms of war in Swaziland, that the kingdom is a signatory to the OAU charter, and that organization recognizes the right of transit of armed guerrillas en route to the "racist regimes" of southern Africa.

Unprecedented pamphlet is circulated

Dr Ambrose Zwane, leader of the now defunct Ngwane National Liberatory Congress, recently escaped from detention and fled to Mozambique.

Soon after Dr Zwane's escape an unprecedented pamphlet was scattered around the industrial areas of Swaziland, signed by an organization calling itself Swalimo, that urged people to stay away from the tenth anniversary celebrations "because our country is not yet free and independent".

According to senior police sources, the initials stand for the Swaziland Liberation Movement, which is the heir to the Ngwane Liberatory Congress. Dr Zwane and his fellow opposition members in Parliament, before King Sobhuza suspended the constitution, often spoke of the necessity of using violence to achieve political goals if peaceful methods failed.

The police sources say that they have evidence to show that several hundred, perhaps even more, young Swazi have undergone military training in Tanzania and the Soviet Union, and that they have known of the existence of Swalimo for some time now.

The pamphlet began by saying *Siyahola silandeli* (We lead, follow us), and continued: "Swalimo says to Maphevu (Major-General Maphevu is the Prime Minister and head of the Armed Forces) and his gang of *murderers*, rapists and hooligans: 'Your time has come, the day of reckoning is here" In an obvious reference to Dr Zwane, the pamphlet said: "We have rescued our leader and we now demand the immediate release of all other political prisoners in Swaziland."

The pamphlet claimed that Swalimo had the support of the whole African continent and that it wanted a people's government in Swaziland.

The mass media did not carry any report on the pamphlet at all although it had been seen by thousands of people and heard of by most of the population. In the case of the pamphlet, the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Zonke Khumalo, forbade *The Times of Swaziland* to carry a story.

Swaziland's strong ties with the Republic of South Africa are usually dismissed by the Government as being necessary for the continued prosperity of the kingdom, but they go far beyond that.

Sports teams from the republic frequently visit the kingdom and Swaziland teams compete in South Africa and it remains something of a mystery how the Swaziland rugby team can play weekly fixtures against South African club sides without a murmur from the rest of the continent in view of the uproar over the All Blacks tour.

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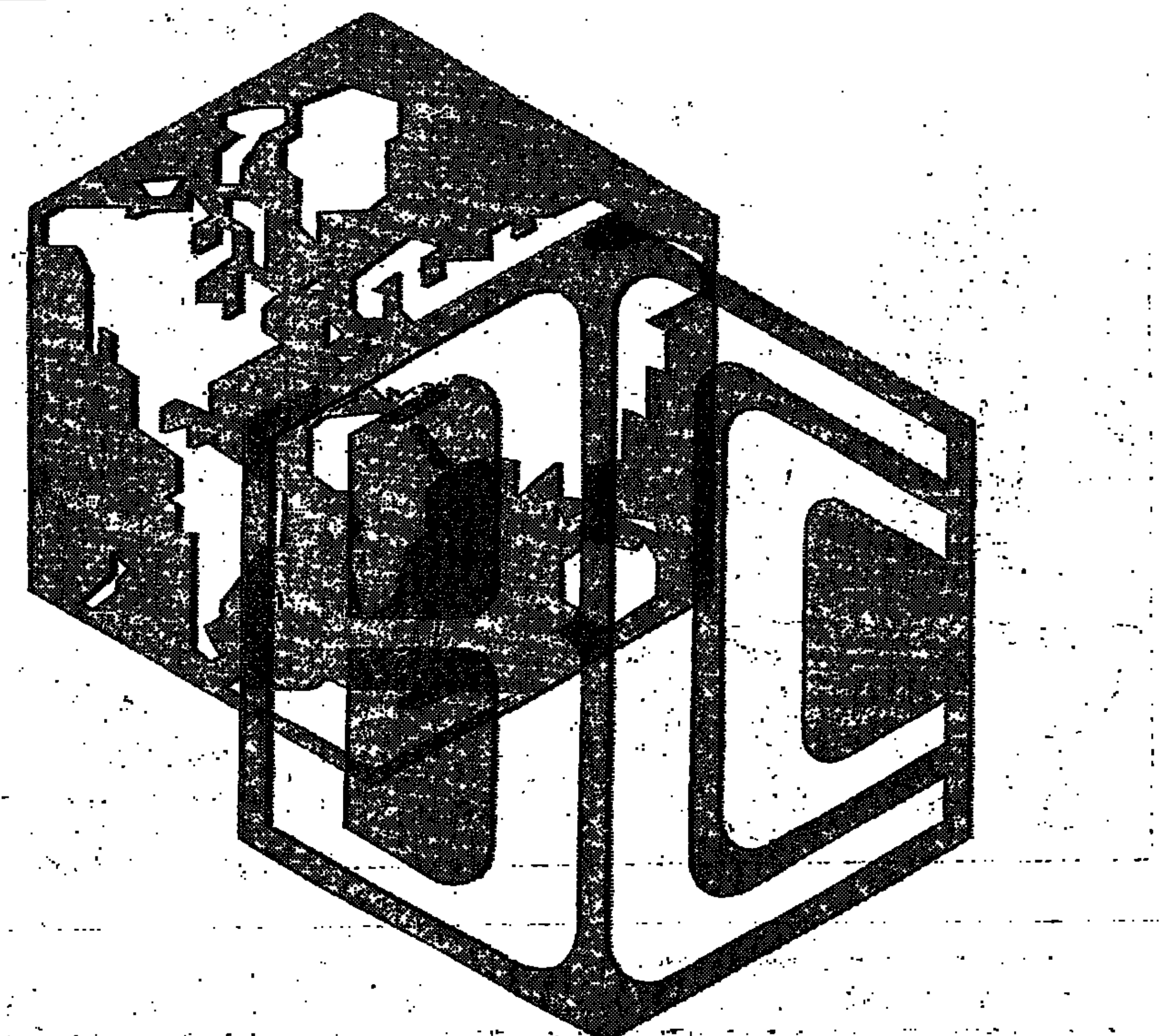

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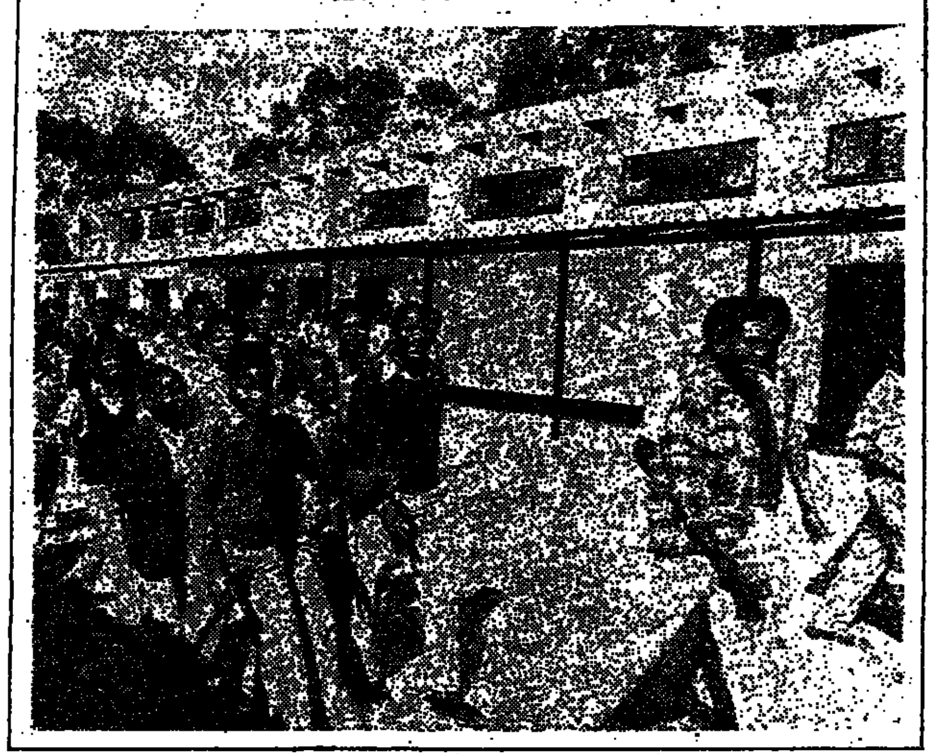


Economic strategy aids investment

by Denis Taylor

Swaziland wants political stability to ensure economic stability so as to encourage foreign investment. So far the strategy has worked well, with a pattern of balance of payments surpluses and inflation held to levels well below those experienced in most developing countries during the past five years.

Reserves have risen steadily since independence. These dropped from E101.3m (about £54m) to E84.9m between April and June, but rose again in July and August.

The Swazi economy cannot be looked at as a single unit because of its close interdependence with South Africa. The two countries, with Lesotho, form the Rand Monetary Area.

To opt out of the rand area would be to risk frightening away South African money. One well-placed source in Mbabane estimated the South African equity stake in the country at between 60 and 70 per cent of the total.

Efforts are being made to get finance from other sources. For the third sugar mill, these include Tate and Lyle, which will manage the plant, Nigeria, the European Investment Bank, the European Development Fund, the Commonwealth Development Corporation and Coca-Cola.

But the South African financial connexion will remain dominant. Swaziland, therefore, will continue to tailor its financial policies accordingly.

South African interest rates are carefully watched. As the Monetary Authority of Swaziland said in a previous annual report: "The overriding objective remains to discourage significant outflows of private sector funds to South Africa; whether through deposit drains or by direct loans to businesses and others in the republic, as a result of interest rate differentials. A corollary aim is to maintain rates at levels conducive to encouraging the growth of savings and investment within the Swazi economy."

Along with South Africa, Botswana and Lesotho, Swaziland belongs to the Southern African Customs Union. A revision of the agreement on shared revenues starting in the 1977-78 financial year raised Swaziland's share of revenue from the customs union almost three times to E38.9m. This was nearly half the Government revenue.

The customs union makes Swazi imports more difficult to quantify than exports. For 1977 imports are estimated at about E200m. This figure does not allow for customs union receipts.

The trend is one of rising imports, which include machinery, transport equipment and food, with a slight decline in exports. But the growth of imports, which has been a feature of every year since independence as the economy developed, was markedly smaller in 1977. Much of the imported machinery is paid for by long-term loans.

Swazi imports of consumer and other goods from South Africa are on such a scale that rates of inflation mirror those over the border.

Two retail price indices are used in Swaziland. The A index monitors increases in the cost of living for middle and high income groups in Mbabane, the capital. The B scale is applied to low wage earners in Mbabane and the other main centre, Manzini, and is weighted for food prices.

In the last financial year while the A list kept pace with price increases in South Africa, the cost of living for lower income groups rose more sharply. The B rate was 12.9 per cent compared with 8.1 per cent for the A group in the 12 months to March, 1978.

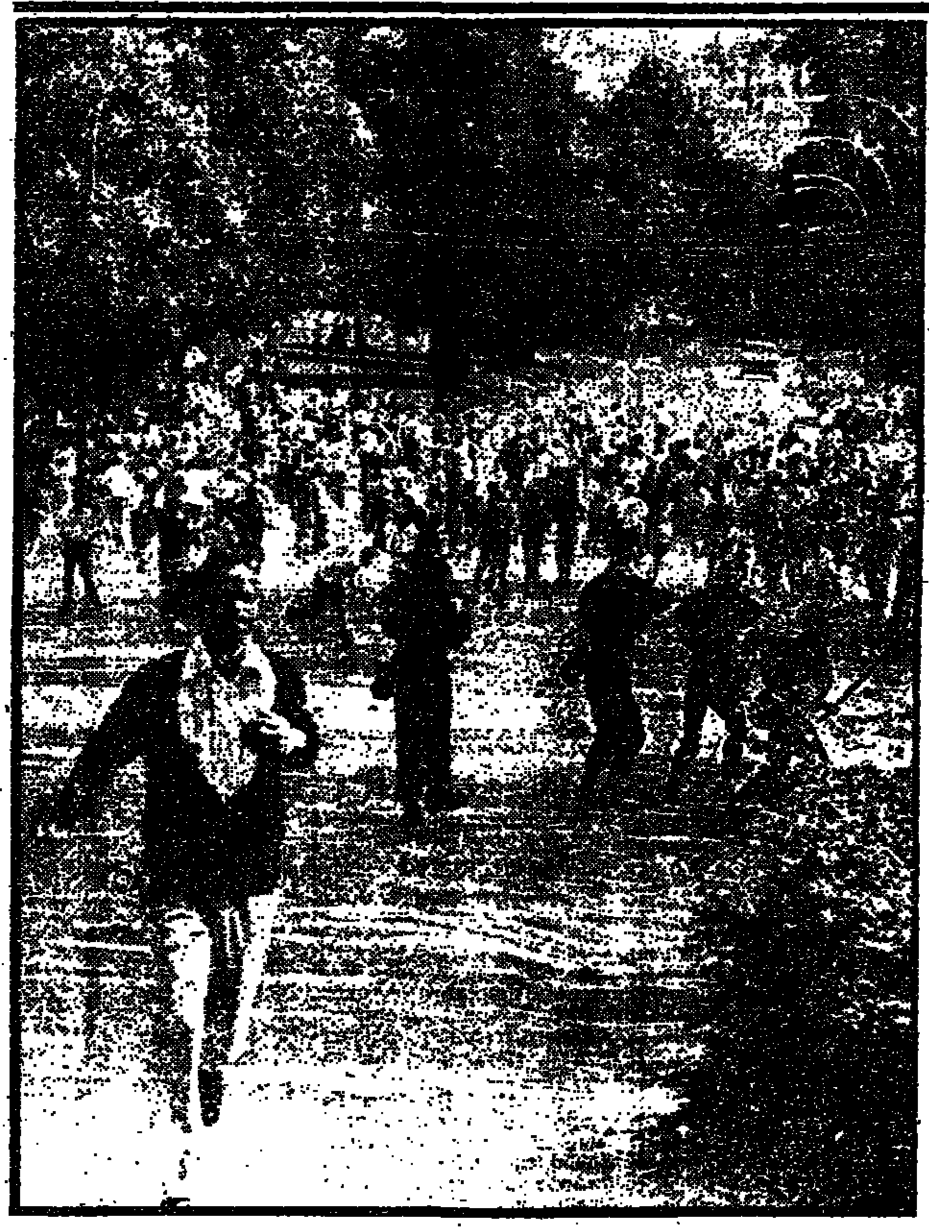
High retail margins and shortcomings in distribution are among the causes pinpointed to explain the B rate, which had slowed from a peak of 21 per cent in June, 1977.

At any one time it is estimated that 15,000 men are working in the South African gold mines, compared with 100,000 from Lesotho.

Swaziland's exports show a much wider spread than its imports, three quarters going outside the Rand Monetary Area. Out of the total of E156.3m exports recorded for 1977, E51.9m came from sugar sales and E30.1m from woodpulp. Britian took 56 per cent (110,486 tonnes). The rest went to the United States and Canada.

Japan bought 18 per cent of Swazi woodpulp products (E5,300,000) as well as practically all the E9,300,000 iron ore sales. South Korea, with purchases of E4,600,000, was the second customer for pulp. Other markets included Thailand and Taiwan. Nigeria, Zambia and Singapore were among outlets for asbestos. But Britain imported E5,900,000, 40 per ent of the total.

Swaziland exports woodpulp to Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and other Asian markets, but Britain is its best customer.



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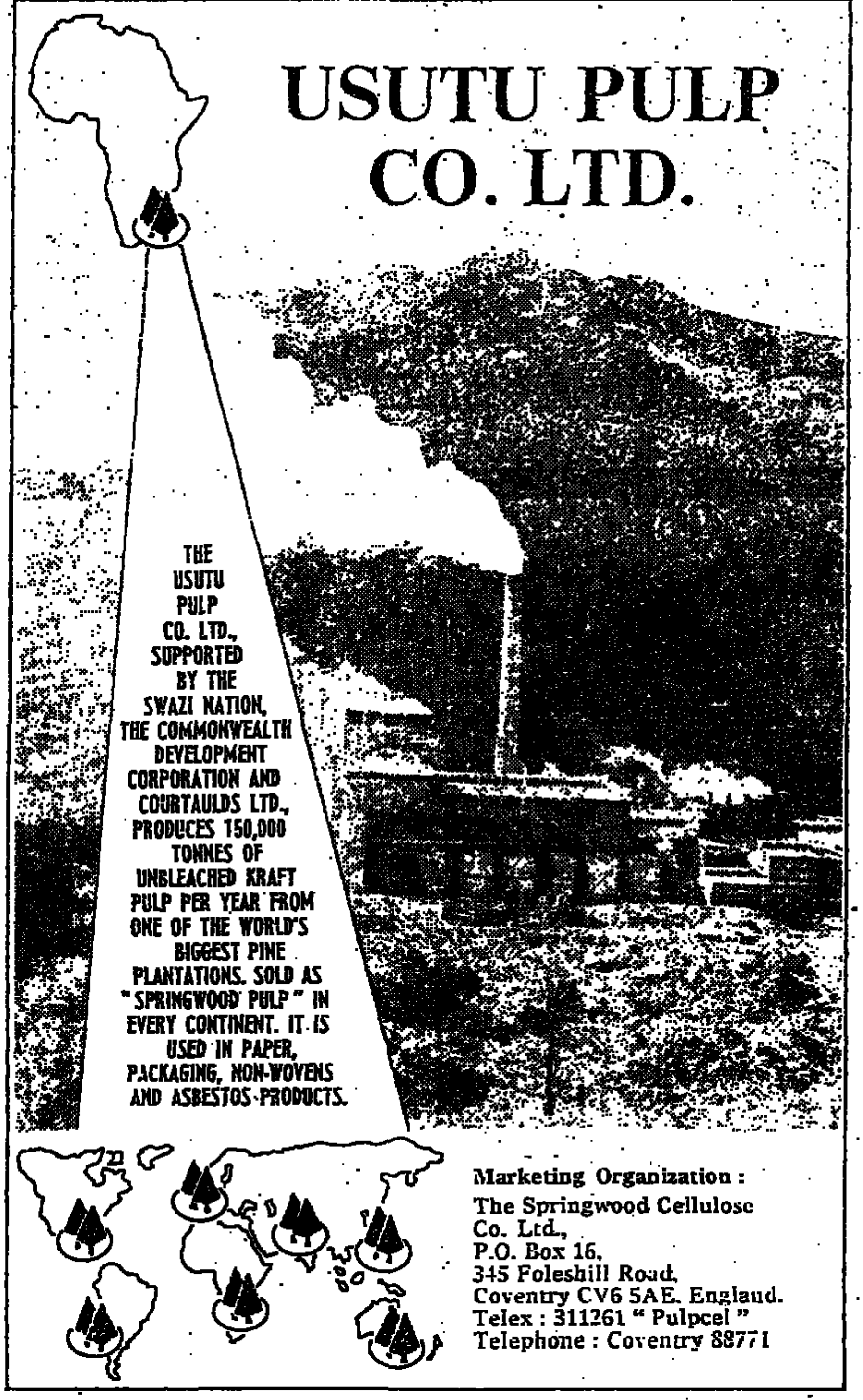

Extended detention curbs dissent

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land defence force which was non-existent until immediately before the King suspended the constitution in 1973. Now numbering more than 5,000 regulars and several thousand weekend soldiers (out of a total population of only 550,000) the army is rapidly becoming a law unto itself.

There are weekly reports of people being stopped and beaten up by soldiers and the public are terrified of them. In most cases the police are powerless to act as Swaziland is under a state of emergency and has been for the past five years. On one occasion a policeman went to an army barracks to arrest a soldier and found himself being beaten up by the officers.

After a report in *The Times of Swaziland* concerning the assault by soldiers on a Swazi truck driver, Major-General Maphevu made a monumental blunder when he made a broadcast to the nation telling people that they should not go crying to the media when they had been beaten up by soldiers but should rather report to the army.

It is generally believed that the army has been created with General Maphevu at its head because he is a staunch royalist and traditionalist, and in this way it will be assured that when the King dies the royal succession will progress smoothly. Whether Maphevu will be able to contain the young, ambitious and undisciplined officers in his command when this happens is open to doubt.

Dr Zwane and his guerrillas may unwittingly prove to be the factor that keeps the monarchy they detest so much in power, as an armed threat to the nation is the one thing that is certain of keeping unity in the ranks in the face of the socialist threat.

Another force to be reckoned with, and one that is far better disciplined than the army, is the Police Mobile Unit, a paramilitary force numbering several thousand disciplined and highly-trained men who have no great love for the army.

The more educated urban youth, especially the university students, are becoming increasingly radical and disgruntled with the system, particularly the fawning attitude towards South Africa and the hamstringing of the liberation movements, and they too will have a part to play in the inevitable restructuring of the country's social order.

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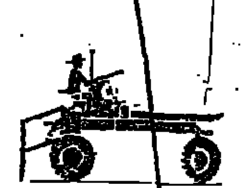

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Asbestos stands in third place as a Swaziland export. The reserves are high and the world markets for asbestos are good. The business could easily be expanded and the possibility of moving into the second stage of processing is being examined. *Exports are* worth between E8m and E9m a year.

Swaziland has substantial coal reserves. The one colliery in operation produces about 150,000 tons a year. Most of this is for internal use on the railway but there are some exports to Mozambique and Kenya. More important for the future are *prospects for another mine* that would produce two million tons a year. The question is to find an export market.

Total Swazi reserves of coal are estimated at 1,000 million tons, of which more than 200 million tons have been confirmed. The coal is of average quality but could certainly compete with that *of South Africa. It is slightly* better quality than that of the republic although somewhat more difficult to mine since the seams are thinner and more complicated.

Other minerals are of minor importance. There are substantial deposits of kaolin which are to be developed for a variety of local industries *such as ceramics by the* National Industrial Development Corporation of Swaziland (NIDCS).

There is also a small tin mine about to be opened up. On present estimates, of about 1,500 tons' reserves it will probably be in production for only two or three years. The mining sector employs about 3,000 people and contributes 4.8 per cent of gdp.

The manufacturing sector's two greatest contributors are wood and sugar. The country has four sawmills which produce sawn and planed timber, block board, round wood, pit props as well as telegraph and transmission poles. The largest of the country's mills at Bhunya, built to exploit the Usutu forest, has the capacity to handle 150,000 tonnes of unbleached kraft pulp annually.

There are two sugar mills (each with a capacity to refine 150,000 tons) and last year they produced about 240,000 tons of sugar, mainly *for export. A third mill* with a capacity of about 100,000 tons is being constructed and should go into production in 1980.

Thirdly, another offshoot of agricultural activity, there is the thriving canning business run by Libby's—part of Nestlé—concerned principally with the canning of pineapples but also with canned orange and grapefruit juices.

The remainder of the manufacturing sector consists of food and beverage processing, a small chemical industry producing fertilizer for Swazi consumption with an output worth about E8m a year, and other small-scale industries. Industrial *glues and detergents are* produced and there is paper processing and structural engineering.

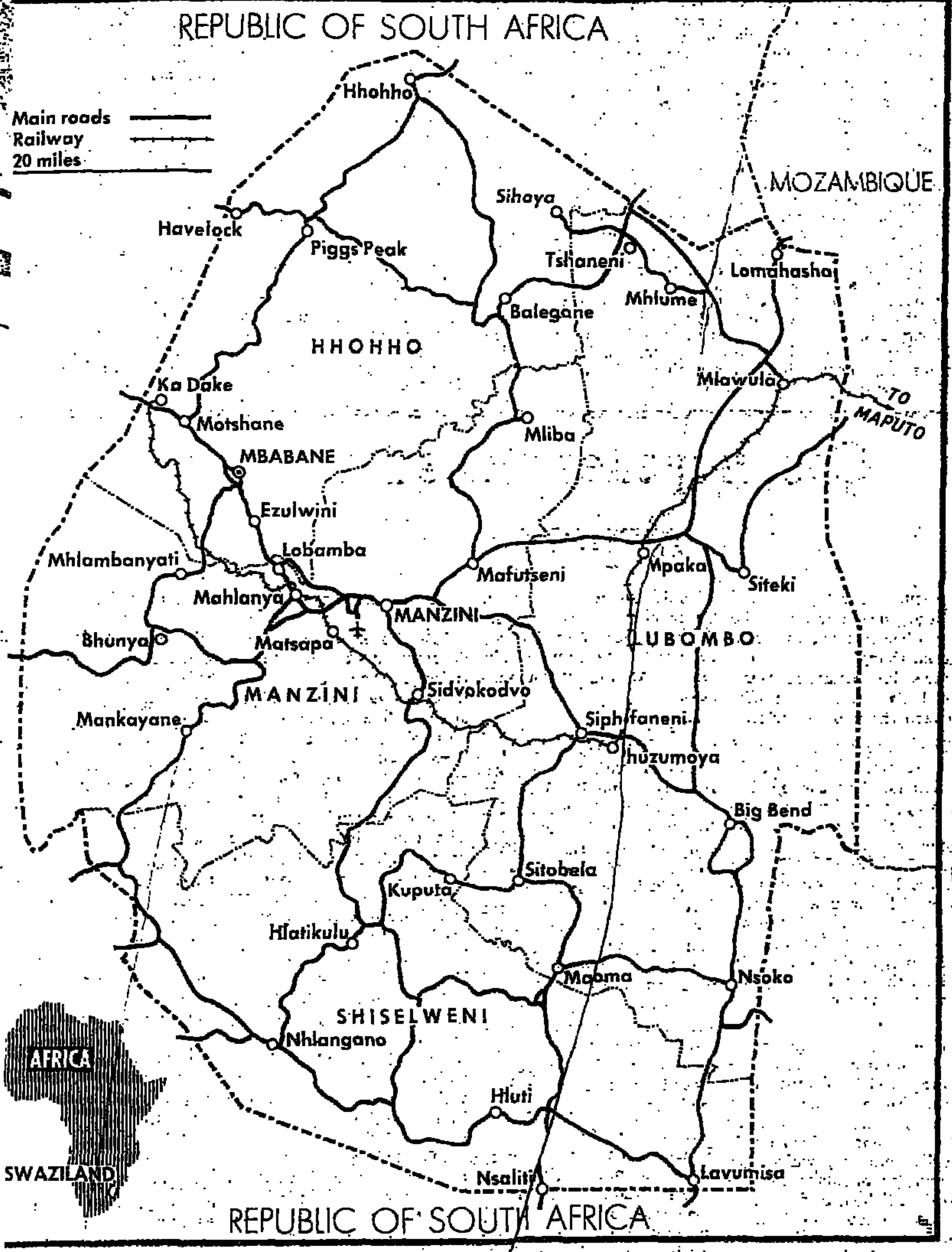
The NIDCS is the main arm of government designed to encourage new industrial developments. There is also the Swaziland Enterprises Development Corporation (SEDCO) that assists only "all-Swazi" business ventures.

Like many of its counterparts elsewhere in Africa, NIDCS will go into partnership with foreign firms once these have been accepted as reasonable partners for Swazi development. It is making a number of project identifications and feasibility studies. Once it has *established a possible industrial* development it searches for a foreign partner. Only 5 per cent of its projects *are* with Swazi businesses.

Most of the companies *that have gone into partnership* with NIDCS are South African based European companies, but there are six projects with Asian partners, one from Japan, two from *Hongkong* and three from Taiwan. The 30 NIDCS projects cover commercial activities, an animal feed plant, the by-products of the sugar industry, service activities and construction.

Its criteria for an outside partner are technical knowledge, ability to manage the project and, perhaps most important, access to and knowledge of export markets. NIDCS is not interested in companies that want only management contracts; foreign partners must also take an equity in the enterprise.

Swaziland's economy is remarkably varied. It is dominated by three or four activities—sugar, fruit, canning, *asbestos, with coal perhaps* about to replace iron ore in importance. It also has a growing number of small-scale yet important and profitable manufacturing activities all of which will help to make the country somewhat less dependent on its giant neighbour, South Africa.



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The rest of the rural land is divided into individual tenure farms: these are either owned freehold or according to concessionary titles, mainly by Europeans or commercial companies (the forests) and are in the form of farms, estates and ranches, including land owned by the Swaziland Government. In the main this sector is highly modernized and produces the bulk of the country's cash crops.

Main crops from the second sector—the individual tenure farms—include *cotton, rice, maize, field* beans, sorghum, potatoes, wheat, tomatoes and other vegetables and tobacco. The citrus area produces oranges and grapefruit which are either canned in Swaziland as juices or exported to South Africa; the climate does not favour lemons though a few are grown. The largest fruit crop consists of pineapples, which are canned for export and the acreage for their production has been increasing steadily and is now extending *beyond the Malkerns Valley*, the centre of the fruit farming.

Orchard crops such as avocados, bananas, pecan *nuts, mangoes and* granadilla are also produced.

There is a small but important livestock sector. Swaziland has a thriving meat canning business as well as selling meat as far afield as Kenya, Nigeria and Zambia. Some of the cattle is sold on the hoof to South Africa.

Agricultural raw materials for processing fall into four main categories: sugar for the refined sugar and molasses; cotton for spinning to produce cotton lint; meat for processing into canned meat, offal, as well as chilled, deboned and fresh carcasses; and the wood pulp and processing business *which* last year accounted for 14.6 per cent of exports.

Roughly 80 per cent of the population is dependent on agriculture and there is unlikely to be any significant change in this ratio for the foreseeable future. Considerable emphasis is therefore placed on training: the country has one agricultural college which takes students to diploma level and five farmer training centres. In addition a good deal of research is carried out, for example on techniques of pineapple production, and is made available freely to all farmers.

Swaziland is striving to become self-sufficient in maize, the staple food, *though* at present some maize still has to be imported to meet requirements.

The forests, planted in the 1950s, are now maturing so that the wood business has grown to take third place in the country's exports.

Sugar, however, is the key *to Swaziland's prosperity* and sugar is subject to world factors beyond Swaziland's control.

In 1977-78 Swaziland produced a total of about 223,000 tons of sugar, almost all for export. Of this amount 120,000 tons went to the EEC under the sugar protocol which will outlast the *Lomé* Convention (now the subject of negotiation for renewal in 1980).

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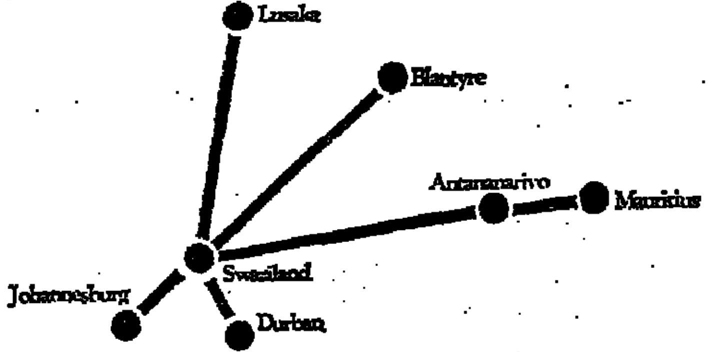

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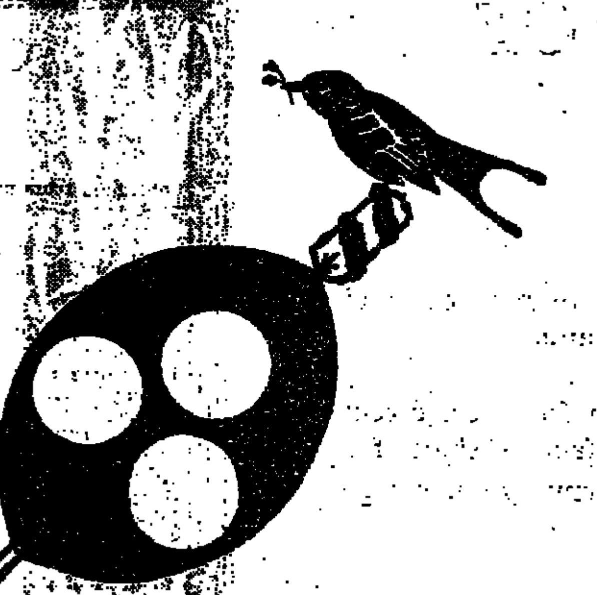

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Traditional ceremony unifies a people

by a Special Correspondent

Since the tiny garden kingdom of Swaziland regained its independence from Britain 10 years ago this week, the Swazi people, their traditions and cultures have remained largely unchanged.

And this is in spite of being at the centre of a potential political cauldron with Marxist Mozambique to the east and the minority white apartheid regime of South Africa to the north.

At the head of the nation is the *Ngwenyama* (Lion) of Swaziland, the world's longest reigning monarch, King Sobhuza II. He rules by decree over a population of about half a million Swazis of various ethnic groups, black, white and those of mixed racial origin.

But this oasis of little racial prejudice in a surrounding sea of entrenched black-white discrimination is largely due to the benevolent rule of the old king.

Yet the Swazi people have managed to retain their ethnic identity and carry out their traditional ceremonies much as they did since Sobhuza was installed as King of Swaziland in 1921.

That they have done so is all the more surprising after the near occupation of the country by mainly British and South African speculators, farmers and missionaries from the mid-nineteenth century.

The main traditional ceremony on the Swazi calendar is the *Incwala*, which means the Feast of the First Fruits. The noted anthropologist, Professor Hilda Kuper, describes it as "a dramatic ritualization of Swazi kingship in all its complexity—*economic, military, ritual*".

This ceremony and the traditional prestige enjoyed by the King is the cohesive force in unifying the nation. The *Incwala* is a ritual ceremony where the King is purified according to sacred rites in preparation to lead the nation through the new year.

It is one of the few periods in the life of the Swazi nation where foreigners are barred from participation and much of the ceremony is secret even to the majority of the Swazi people. It lasts for about three weeks and during that period traditional dances are held throughout the length and breadth of the nation.

But Sobhuza has long seen the virtue of blending the old and the new, taking the best from both the Swazi and *Western cultures*. Through a fund called the Tibiyo Taka Ngwane Fund he has managed to reclaim much of the country's land from foreign title-holders.

This land he now holds in trust for the Swazi people after a long and bitter struggle to regain it. His philosophy of "not banging tables" but rather discussing matters quietly, stood him in good stead in his quest to reclaim his people's land.

Using traditional Swazi subtlety and indirect use of customs he was able eventually to make sure the *nation's land belonged* to its rightful owners—the Swazis.

Another major cultural difference between the Swazis, the Zulu and the Basotho, for example, is that the King rules side by side with the Queen Mother—the *Indlovokazi* (She Elephant). They both play a key role in national activities and divide authority equally.

The Swazi culture is polygamous in theory but in practice only the wealthy take advantage of this custom. Sobhuza has at least 50 wives and numerous offspring who are all accorded royal rank and privilege.

Each year at the annual reed dance where nubile Swazi maidens dance for the king, he is able to choose a new wife. But in recent years the elderly king has *not exercised his rights.*

When he scrapped the Westminster-style constitution in April, 1973, Sobhuza promised a new popular style of government. The realization of this promise can be expected within the next few months. He is to establish a type of tribal council elected from a short list of names submitted by the people in the different chiefdoms. This council will be known as the *Tinkhundla.*

If the 78-year-old king lives to see the introduction and establishment of rule by traditional authority then it will at least have a chance of working. But the question of who will succeed the king is not easily answered. It is a closely guarded secret and only a few of the king's chosen advisers know who *he is.*

The succession to the kingship does not automatically fall to the eldest son but instead the prince is chosen on merit.

Whoever takes over from Sobhuza *will find it no easy* task. Although the king has the active support of traditional Swazis in the rural areas many young Swazis who migrated to the main towns of Mbabane and Manzini are disenchanted with the present system of ernment.

These young people not lost their tribal ide but they have been edu in the western way a and many of them hol versity degrees and fessional qualifications.

While there is no ized dissent within the try—political parties banned in 1973—there been signs of unrest an satisfaction.

Many of those ho positions of authority staunch traditionalists are related to the family. The young p are keen to see a demo cally elected governme stalled but whether they be allowed to do so re to be seen.

King Sobhuza, the world's longest-reigning monarch (second from right) among leading military men at a state display.

Cost impedes plans for airport

by Guy Arnold

Landlocked and tiny, Swaziland depends overwhelmingly upon its single-track railway to Maputo for bulk exports and a sizable proportion of its imports, as well as upon road communications into the Republic of South Africa which carry the balance of imports and exports and are of particular importance to its tourist industry. It also depends upon air transport through Johannesburg, although there is a once-weekly flight from Maputo to Matsapa and back while Royal Swazi Airlines is beginning to operate other connexions to Zambia and Malawi.

Finally, there is the 20-kilometre overhead cableway that transports the asbestos from remote Havelock Mine in the north of the country to Barberton in the Transvaal for further transhipment.

Jan Smuts airport, Johannesburg, is the nearest international airport to Swaziland and dependence upon travel through the republic has been a factor in keeping Swaziland remote from the main stream of African politics. DETA Airways flying between Matsapa and Maputo once a week is the only other international connexion, though since Mozambique's independence there has been little air traffic between the two countries.

There are plans to build an international airport in Swaziland. The concept has been approved by the Council of Ministers and the Japanese are doing a feasibility study; but the drawback is the question of costs. The original estimate was for E40m. and though this has been reduced to E30m it is likely to return to at least the first figure by the time the project is carried out.

There are three main road approaches to Swaziland: from Johannesburg, from Durban and from Maputo as well as a number of lesser ones. Swaziland's tourist industry, which has a number of plans for expansion, is held back at least in part because of lack of good roads for visitors, 90 per cent of whom arrive by car from South Africa. Statistics for 1975 showed that there were a total of 2,630km of roads of which 1,460 were main roads, 1,170 were district roads, and in all only 96km were tarred. Government is tarring further stretches of road particularly to open up certain districts for the tourist business.

The railway is by far the most important of the country's forms of transport. It was orginally built to transport the iron ore from Ngwenya to Maputo and came into operation in 1964. There are 20.4 km of single track inside Swaziland and a further 74 km from the border down to Maputo. Now that the iron ore is running out the country finds that it has an invaluable transport asset that has been paid for and there is considerable confidence that the iron ore freight will largely be replaced by other export commodities.

At present 85 per cent of Swaziland's exports go out by rail to Maputo while a substantial though far smaller proportion of imports comes in that way, the balance coming by road from South Africa. Even after the present stocks of iron ore have all been moved—perhaps by the end of next year—it is still envisaged that at least 7 per cent of the country's exports will continue to use the railway.

There are, however, two developments concerning the railway. The Government took a political decision after independence in Mozambique that it ought to have an alternative route for exports in case for any reason the rail link to Maputo were to be closed. The result is the building of a new rail link from the existing line at Phuzumoya in the centre of the country due south to cross the Swazi border into Natal and link into the South African Railways system at Golela.

This section of line is due to open on November 1. It is likely to be used mainly for petrol, oil and lubricants traffic from South Africa while fertilizers will go out by it. The link may also take wood pulp (at present 220,000 tons go out annually to Maputo) and citrus fruit. The cost of this link is E27m and the money has been raised inside Swaziland.

The second link, which is still under consideration, would branch north from the existing line near Mpaka in east-central Swaziland and go north to Border Gate on the South African border. The project requires South Af also to construct a link bring South African Railw to the Swazi border.

The justification for t link would be that So African minerals from Palabora mining reg could be freighted so through Swaziland to t port at Richards Bay, so c ring out the long detour t such minerals now have take round Swaziland. Sw land would benefit from development because South African freight w then have to trav approximately 191km Swaziland and the tariff such a haul might come something in the region E4m a year. Whether eventually goes ahead or must depend upon a num of political consideration southern Africa over next few years.

Swaziland's telephone telecommunications serv are tiny. There is mo equipment in the princ exchanges and direct circ link Swaziland to Johan burg while overseas have to be routed thr Johannesburg as do communications. At the of 1975 Swaziland had telephones.

Cashing in on the Nation Land

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took a further 20,000 tons from Swaziland. Of 223,000 tons produced 220,000 went overseas.

There are, however, complications on the horizon. The world sugar outlook is gloomy and prices are expected to be low next year. Europe is producing a surplus of sugar beet—three million tons this year—and since the EEC has not joined the International Sugar Agreement any surplus it has will depress world prices.

France opposed EEC accession to the International Sugar Agreement. The EEC may join one day but its individual governments are more likely to pay attention to the political pressures from their own producers than adopt a *policy favourable to countries* such as Swaziland. The long-term future of the sugar protocol with the EEC must at least be uncertain.

The United States did not join the International Sugar Agreement either and should its sugar farmers win their battle with the Carter Administration for protectionist measures this will have adverse effects upon Swaziland's marketing prospects.

For the coming year, for example, Swaziland has contracted to supply between 60,000 and 70,000 tons of sugar to the United States.

The basis of security for the industry lies in its special arrangement under Lomé with the EEC. Swaziland became a member of the *International Sugar* Agreement at the beginning of this year and the agreement guarantees its members a quota of the world sugar market: for Swaziland this is in addition to its EEC arrangements and for the coming year the quota stands at 80,000 tons.

Both of Swaziland's main sugar mills had embarked on expansion programmes before the International Sugar Agreement came into being and it was written into the agreement that a country's quota would be increased in relation to any expansion that had been planned and set in motion before accession to the agreement, so Swaziland is covered in that respect. None the less, the key to sugar remains the protocol with the EEC which guarantees the industry a certain stability.

Sugar is the largest employer of labour in Swaziland with between 9,000 and 10,000 workers and when their dependants are added it probably means that the industry provides the livelihood for about 50,000 people or 10 per cent of the population. Out of total Swazi exports in 1977-78 sugar accounted for 35.2 per cent and molasses for 1.2 per cent.

Swaziland has embarked on the construction of a third sugar mill that is to have a capacity of about 100,000 tons and that is evidence of her faith in the long-term future of sugar.

G.A.

Swaziland puts out to sea.

The Royal Swazi Maritime Company Ltd to be known as 'Swazimar' have inaugurated its service with the MV "Swazi Maiden".
This liner vessel of 17,127 tons dwt will cater for Bulk parcels as well as Break Bulk generals, Containerised Cargo, Refrigerated cargo and Bulk Liquids.
The "Swazi Maiden" will make her second voyage from the North West Continent to South Africa during September 1978, loading at London approximately 4th – 8th September 1978.

The voyage schedule is as follows:–

Hamburg	28/8–30/8	Mombasa	1/10–5/10
Rotterdam	31/8–31/8	Maputo	14/10–19/10
Antwerp	1/9–3/9	Durban	20/10–26/10
London	4/9–8/9	Cape Town	30/10–31/10
Barcelona	13/9–14/9	Liverpool	18/11–19/11
Marseilles	15/9–15/9	Hamburg	21/11
Leghorn	16/9–18/9		

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N OLD PARLIAMENTARY HAND

hough he is still teasing us keeping the date of the elec- n to himself, the Prime Minis- 's speech to the TUC had ny of the attributes of a cam- gn speech. It was a good mix- e of criticism of people that TUC likes to hear criticized, h as the press and the Tories, d of firm reminders to the de unions about the need for lism in productivity and es: his peroration won Mr llaghan a standing ovation, nething Prime Ministers can- rely on when addressing the JC. It was not a speech which ntained much that was original surprising, but it was an nest performance and from a litician's point of view a well fted one. It reminded one of nold's bowling in the Gillette n, not deadly but shrewd, con- tent, experienced and extra- dinarily difficult for the position to hit.

The peroration, with its con- st *between the Prime Minis-* 's self-asserted attention to national interest and the oposed hard, uncaring and oressive quality of the Conser- tive leadership, will no doubt come a Labour theme at the neral election. The attack on Conservative leadership fol- ws the line of the successful tack that Mr Callaghan made his last parliamentary duel th Mrs Thatcher. That does t mean that it is justified or ll seem justified to the untry, but the Prime Minister viously feels that it is an *ening he can exploit.* He serves more credit for the tues he claims for himself, an he does for his critique of s opponents.

If the Labour Party wins the election, as is certainly possible, the Prime Minister's personal character will play a vital part in their success. It is right to point out his limitations. He is a cautious man; *he is not an* imaginative man; he has always seen political life too much from the point of view of his own party, and that affected his attitude both to the European question and to the question of reform of the trade unions in the late 1960s. "*In place of* strife" is a battle he won, but it is not a battle honour he has *any reason to be proud of.*

When this is said he remains the best professional Prime Minister since Mr Macmillan; more skilled than Mr Heath, though far less dynamic and creative. As Prime Minister he has applied a sober and consistent view of the national interest as his touchstone of policy. He restored the Labour Government from the almost disastrous situation in which he took it over to a position in which it has a reasonable chance of winning an election; he has done so by trying to get policy right, not by a succession of stunts.

Without the Callaghan recovery the Labour Party would have no chance and would deserve to have no chance. Now the combination of his record as Prime Minister and his ability to understand the mind of the British public is going to make Mr Callaghan a hard man to beat. An example of his quality came *in the TUC speech.* He managed to put across some home truths about wages, productivity and Government policy without causing bitterness or offence.

A couple of years ago at a Labour Party conference Mr Callaghan told the Labour Party that the days were over when a government could spend its way out of unemployment; this time the Prime *Minister told the TUC* that it could not beat inflation for its members by using its *muscle. He told them* that there is "no way in which low productivity and high real wages can go hand in hand". He also told them that so far as government policy is concerned any reduction in hours would have to fit inside the 5 per cent incomes policy. It takes some courage to say these things to the TUC, and some skill to put them across. That is *not* to say that they are all accepted.

Nor is it to say that the policies *of the Labour Party will succeed*; that the Labour Government and the trade unions are in agreement on incomes; that socialism is a good way of running Britain or that a continuation of Mr Callaghan's cautious government would avert the very considerable economic difficulties which most forecasters see ahead. The electorate will recognize that they have in the Prime Minister an honest, competent and serious man in good control of his party. Yet after fourteen years of Labour rule, broken only by three years after 1970, it may take more than a sound man at the top to persuade the voters to *go through with Labour for yet* another Parliament.

PROSPECTS AT CAMP DAVID

e meeting at Camp David, hich begins today, has been scribed officially in Egypt, and *officially in Israel,* as the ast chance" for peace in the iddle East. If that means that ilure at the meeting will lead evitably to another Arab- raeli war, it need not be taken o literally. The pressures that ive brought President Sadat d Mr Begin together with esident Carter will still be ere after the meeting, whatever *results. Mr Sadat, in par-* ular, would still have a great al to lose by admitting that his ace initiative had achieved thing and refusing to consider y further direct contacts with rael. He might decide that ypt needed to revive and make ore credible its war option fore Israel would feel the need respond more positively to his *ace proposals.* But would he cide once and for all that that tion would actually have to be *t into practice, that the* tober War of 1973, to which owes his credibility as a ader, would not after all have en the war to end war? He ould take such a decision only ith enormous reluctance, and ither immediately nor irrevo- bly. There would still be time r new American efforts, and r an Israeli change of heart.

The most immediate risk of w hostilities in the Middle ast will remain for some time, hatever the results of Camp vid, the situation in Lebanon, here fighting can break out ain between Syria and the ebanese Christian militias at y moment. Israel has identi- ed herself more and more enly as the sponsor and patron f these militias in recent months, and the militias have been less and less reticent about accepting her support.

Syria and Israel both now have claims to what amounts to a protectorate in Lebanon, from which neither can withdraw without considerable loss of face. The danger is therefore great that the issue will be settled by military as well as diplomatic means, and since in Lebanon itself Syria's military position is stronger it is all too possible that Israel would try and bring her own overall military superiority to bear by countering a Syrian *offensive against* Lebanese Christian strongholds with an Israeli offensive against Syria herself.

If American diplomacy can avert that, the next great risk is not of immediate war but of spreading instability in the Arab world, leading to the fall of some of the regimes most friendly to the West and a possible strengthening of Soviet influence. It is no doubt this fear which has led Mr Carter and his advisers to invest so much of their administration's remaining political credit in the Camp David meeting. A further Arab-Israeli war *would be only one of the* undesirable consequences that might follow such a development: a development which, *the* Americans think, becomes more likely with every month that passes without Mr Sadat's peace initiative being seen to produce positive results.

It follows, as the Israelis accurately perceive, that the main thrust of Mr Carter's persuasive powers will be directed at Mr Begin, even if Mr Sadat *will* also be asked in various ways to make things easier for him. Further major concessions by Mr Sadat would be almost worse than useless, from the American point of view, since they would amount to abandoning any hope of an Arab consensus for peace. While Egyptians might accept a peace *of the "Brest Litovsk" variety,* the Arab world as a whole would not, and the Arab anger unleashed against those who sponsored such a peace might well be worse than what would result from a mere failure.

The Americans in fact support the fundamental Egyptian claim, which Mr Sadat would like to see embodied in an agreed declaration of principles, that the territories conquered by Israel in 1967 are Arab territories, and that Israel's desire for greater security, however genuine and understandable, cannot justify the permanent incorporation into Israel of substantial territories beyond her pre-1967 borders. Israel insists, by contrast, that her security requires the drawing of entirely new borders. If this demand is sincere, it could be met—as Lord Caradon *has recently suggested*—by the appointment of an impartial Boundary Commission whose purpose would be "the adjustment of the 1967 boundaries not for acquisition of territory but for *mutual* security, convenience and advantage". That is not a wonder solution: there would be plenty of scope for argument about the identity and terms of reference of the Commission and neither side would be likely to commit itself in advance to accepting its findings. But the formula is one which both sides should be able to accept as a starting-point, if they are sincere in their professed objectives. The Camp David meeting could do worse *than to take it up.*

UNNECESSARY SUFFERING IN BENGAL

dia suffers bad flooding every ear. People usually die, and aterial damage is usually ound £140m. Each year frantic nergency measures are underken to control the water and scue the victims. Soldiers pile ndbags along the river banks d politicians fly over the icken areas. Each year something more lasting is called for, t each year brings a new ergency. Only the Red Cross ems really well prepared, with pplies already distributed to cal centres.

This year the damage is much rse than usual. Exceptional ins have brought the highest ods of this century sweeping ross West Bengal and also reatening the suburbs of Delhi. least 700 people have been *lled,* and some reports, probly exaggerated, have put the ath toll as high as 15,000. out 15,000 villages have been affected and 500,000 houses destroyed or damaged. More than ten million acres of land have been inundated. The Red Cross is now feeding about one million people a day.

In an emergency of this scale it seems at first sight almost insulting that Britain's Ministry of Overseas Development should offer a mere £250,000 and twenty outboard motors. This is, however, the level of help which *appears to be considered appropriate* at this stage by the Indian Red Cross, which is already fairly well equipped. Much more help will be needed later when stocks have to be replenished and work begins on repairing the enormous material damage inflicted by the floods. It is assumed that Britain will then be willing to provide something more generous over and above its normal assistance to India.

Sympathy for the appalling sufferings of the victims must, however, be mixed with exasperation at the negligence displayed by the authorities. There were ample warnings that this year's floods would be exceptional yet emergency measures were slow to get under way. Worse still, routine flood control is still very far from having reached the point where it can deal with a normal year. The Government has recently let it be *known* that it is drawing up long-term plans but by the time they produce results there will probably have been several more annual emergencies costing more together than the much overdue control programme itself. Money is not really the main problem. What is lacking is political will and organization. Foreign countries can and should help but it would be *easier* to get political support for such help if the Indians were seen to be doing more to help themselves.

ringing back the beaver

om Major F. C. W. Courtenay- ompson

, Mr Nigel Sitwell and Sir ristopher Lever have presented e cases for and against the reinduction of the beaver into Britain *he Times,* August 12, 18 and 29). e truth is that after 70 years sence it is not possible to foresee e full consequences of reintroduc- g this animal now. All the amples that have been quoted ncern other areas, other lands d other ecological circumstances an those which would face the aver here and now.

The vital task of all naturalists day must be the conservation of r remaining wildlife and wild aces in the face of our own ever creasing demands on a small overdeveloped land. The needs of wildlife are frequently in direct conflict with *those of both farmer and developer.* The conservationist is often hard put to it when trying to justify *his* case, and he *must* be seen to be right because he must have the public on his side. It is the public which pays the bill, through the support they give to organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund and the Naturalists Trusts, as well as through taxes.

Public opinion today is very strongly on the side of the conservationist and much of the credit for this is due to the media, which includes Mr Sitwell's *Wildlife.* As an editor he must realize what a transient thing public favour can be. Rightly or wrongly the reintroduction of a species into the wild will be seen as a conservation project and should it fail this will be seen as a failure by conservationists. What is more, if Sir Christopher's fears were to be proved correct, it could be a most *serious and expensive failure which* would bring down the wrath in place of the sympathy of the public.

The point surely, is not whether the beaver can be successfully reintroduced or not but, rather, *whether the risk of failure is worth* taking. Let us get on with conserving what we have left. This is task enough without *experimenting with* the unknown however intriguing it may be.

Yours *faithfully,*
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trade union power and economic performance

From Lord Roberthall

Sir, Your leading article "They cannot do their job" (September 2) sums up admirably the causes of our low productivity. This and inflation are our basic economic problems: both are caused by the exercise of trade union power and both are clearly against the interests of the workers as a whole.

It would be comforting to think, as you almost suggest, that now that this power is used against those *whose interests it was created* to further, it will wither away from its own lack of vitality. But the *power rests on two beliefs of great* emotional force, that solidarity is the greatest virtue and scabbing *the worst crime. It is because of* this force that the unions are so strong when they face the government and so weak against their own militants.

Every government since 1947 has preached the need for productivity, the dangers of inflation, and the need for self-restraint in the general interest. The public sector, *which was supposed to substitute* social benefit for the profit motive, has grown more or less steadily. Yet all this exhortation has been counter-productive: our performance gets worse and the trade unions have been encouraged to think that they are above Parliament.

To urge some sort of national effort is to be dismissed as hopelessly impractical. Yet while each of the main parties when in opposition *attacks the government for* policies which it will be compelled to follow when in office, it is hard to see any progress in sight. Neither the party system, nor the unions, *show any signs of withering away.*

Yours etc,
ROBERTHALL,
Quarry,
Trenance,
Newquay, Cornwall.
September 4

From Professor Sir Henry Phelps Brown, FBA

Sir, The assessment of the impact of the trade unions in your leading article (September 2) ascribes to them the low productivity of British industry. But the causes of this are known to be complex. They go back to the end of the last century. They include the complacency induced by earlier success, and the neglect of scientific and technological education. *In the winter of 1901-02* your columns carried a detailed indictment of restrictive labour practices *as a major cause of the relative* decline of British industry already then apparent. But it is not clear that their impact has increased.

In 1900-13, when trade union membership was comparatively low, output per head did not rise at all; through the quarter century after the Second World War, with membership at the high contemporary level, it grew faster than ever before in our recorded history. Without restrictive practices, no *doubt it would have risen faster* still: but evidently its rise depends on more factors than labour attitudes alone. *By the same token,* so does its poor international showing.

If restrictive practices are only one factor among several they still are a real factor. But they stem from the individual and not the union. Most employees are not made to behave as they do because they belong to a trade union: they belong to a trade union because they want to behave as they do. In this they share a propensity common to human nature in all walks of life and manifest in many periods and *places. This is, to draw together* and adopt rules of common action for mutual protection against the *pressures of the market.* Those whose incomes depend on selling what they have to offer in a fluctuating *market* feel the need to defend themselves, be it against the disturbance of the craftsman's wish to get on with his work in his own way, or, still more, cuts in profits and earnings, and most of all, the outright loss of a job.

It was this need that gave rise to the medieval guild, and has continued to promote the cartel and the price association no less than the trade union. Combinations once formed can be used aggressively, but on a broad view their primary purpose has been defensive. You have asked us to think what would *have happened if five years ago* everyone had resigned from the British trade unions: unless they had ceased at the same time to share the common stock of human nature, they would forthwith have formed spontaneous groupings at the place of work to meet the need for protection by mutual support that they continued to feel.

On this view the problem is more obdurate than you have implied, for it arises not from outworn institutions but from ingrained personal attitudes. Very likely the propensity to combine and to resist unsettling *change is more powerful in this* country than in some of our competitors, or it has gained a stronger hold here. The reasons go deep in our history and culture. Change is correspondingly difficult. It cannot be achieved *solely* by the reform of institutions. It comes about only as men and women find it possible to change their attitudes at the place of work. *They* can do this in so far as confidence is built up between management and employees, and changes are *negotiated as matters* of common interest.

Yours sincerely,
HENRY PHELPS BROWN,
16 Bradmore Road,
Oxford.
September 2

From the Reverend A. Graham Hellier

Sir, "Be not righteous overmuch". Your stirring leader on the trade union movement is splendidly right and profoundly wrong. Much of it is incontestable but it fails to take account of the tragic element *in* our economy. Where is there a union-less economy that offers high standards of *employment* and wealth? Why does the non-union sector of our economy fail to display the benefits of which you dream? Above all, why do you ignore the dogged defence of the right to work in a society which treats its citizens as disposable?

Trade union leaders are of every kind. Some may be wreckers: others have made an immense contribution to the fight against inflation (scarcely recognized by *The Times*). The unions for the most part reflect their *membership. Through* them or without them much of the working population of the country is engaged in a rearguard *action* against the replacement of men by machines. Their restricted practices *are the reasoned defence* of man's dignity in a society that offers no alternative. The years in *which a man is allowed to contribute* to society are being eroded steadily by prolonged education *and early retirement.* A growing number are denied even this contribution. They are not impressed by the well-meaning liberals who would prepare us for an age of leisure and appeal for new opportunities allowing the unemployed to do some useful work for the community (sic !).

Sir, there are many able men who cannot do their job. If you are sure of your remedies then you too could uphold the right to work and the log jam will begin to break.

Yours sincerely,
A. GRAHAM HELLIER,
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Tupsley,
Hereford.
September 3.

From Professor A. Kennaway

Sir, Your leader (September 2) concludes that maximizing productivity would have doubled—*of itself*—the real wealth of our country in the last five years. This is only true if the products of that effort are good *enough to compete, both at home* and abroad, with foreign goods. A far wider range of goods would have to be better designed to support your view. Design and development is a management responsibility, no one has as yet asserted that the unions have impeded that function.

You, Sir, would still prefer the electronic typesetter even if the old-fashioned unit were cheaper because of a *lower* labour cost; you would not have stage coaches to deliver your paper even as a gift—a factory to make these goods would *go bust even if it were the most* efficient in the world.

Furthermore, it is at least arguable *that* many *managements could* improve their productivity if they had the will and the competence without union obstruction, which seems to be concentrated on the "commanding heights" of industry with a long history of poor labour relations. Without better products and new products and new services associated with them, it is surely true that making the run-of-the-mill stuff with fewer people must result in unemployment on an unacceptable scale.

We have neglected design, development and innovation for too *long—we cannot afford to be blinded* to their importance by the glare of an attack on union Luddites, *however justified* it may be.

Yours faithfully,
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September 3.

Villages in decline

From Mr David Green

Sir, Patrick Goldring (September 2) rightly identifies the lack of village jobs as the key component in the decline in village life; and Joan Yeo Marsh—with her examples of planning refusals that have restricted the prospects of village employment—*has pointed unerringly* to its main cause. Many more jobs would have come into rural communities, with the massive post war decline in farming employment, if planning policy over vast tracts of rural landscape had not decreed that only agricultural buildings have a special call for consent.

In the article which you published on May 17 last year I explored in some detail both the damage which was being caused to rural *communities by the unthinking* application of urban planning concepts, and the need for a differential planning regime—favouring indigenous projects and holding in check extraneous ones—if rural communities were to be able to prosper. It remains the case that this is necessary. But it is necessary not for any sentimental or aesthetic virtues in village and rural life—though these there may be. It is necessary because we have *wrought a total disaster of social* existence in our cities, and we shall shortly need the structure and patterns of rural life in living form to show us the way out.

It is fact that the majority of our village schoolchildren become literate and numerate between their fifth and eighth birthdays—whereas many children leaving urban schools have not managed that by 16. It is fact that the extended family relationships of rural areas take care *themselves of problems with which* a whole army of social workers wrestle inadequately in the cities. It is fact that rural schools experience low levels of truancy, and that juvenile and adult vandalism are very rare.

In driving the bulldozers through millions of inadequate urban houses, the planners rode heedless of the fact that they were shattering communities that had inherited patterns of rural living from those who first moved off the land at the start of the industrial revolution. Modern levels of juvenile and adult delinquency, family collapse and social disorder are their direct legacy. We need our rural communities as never *before to light the way out.* There is cause enough in this to promote their welfare, even if they deserve nothing themselves.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding,
Castle Morris,
Near Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire.
September 2.

From Mr Peter Murray

Sir, Miss H. J. Brotherton (September 4) *may* be justifiably heartened that Lacock still boasts a post office and two village stores. However, it is worth noting that in 1903 the village supported two butchers, a coffee tavern, four bakers, a drapers, a tailor, two blacksmiths, a sweets and fancy goods shop, a stationery and china shop, a general store, a hurdlemaker, two chairmakers, two coal merchants, two boot and shoe makers, a *police* constable and an undertaker. The Wilts and Dorset Bank opened on *Saturdays.*

Although the National Trust, through careful husbandry of the village, has protected it from some of the economic realities of our time it is nevertheless a clear illustration of the fact that the twentieth century has seen the metamorphosis of the English village from self-sufficient community to mere satellite of nearby towns and cities.

Yours, etc,
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Wiltshire.
September 4.

Careers in sport

From the President of the British Judo Association

Sir, In my experience one of the most important factors in the success of international competitors' sports careers is the relationship between their future job or career and the amount of time they must spend training for their sport.

At least one judo player at the Montreal Olympic Games was handicapped from winning a medal by the inability of his college to come to terms with those sporting needs of the nation and the individual.

While colleges and universities continue to have summer examinations then at every Olympic Games, and indeed many world and European championships, British athletes will have to divide their time, and in the long run make the choice between their academic and sporting goals. This is not so in France, Germany and the USA, to name but a few countries.

The training and competitive demands on a world level athlete have increased in the last ten years. Without sympathetic employers the great majority of young men and young women representing Britain in their sports would be at an even greater disadvantage than at present. In order to succeed sports competitors must be disciplined and hard working—surely just the type of person that most employers would welcome.

Whilst I believe that we should encourage more universities to have proper sports scholarships; surely the priority must be in providing sensible and fitting employment for British competitors. To provide a stable economic background for the future would give the dedicated competitor a much better chance of achieving sporting success for himself and Great Britain at international level.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES S. PALMER, President,
British Judo Association,
70 Brompton Road, SW3.
August 31.

Reform of the Lords

From Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, FRS

Sir, Professor John Griffith (August 31) has no right to misrepresent others. I have never "made it clear" that I want a "reformed House of Lords". I have made it clear that I want an elected second *chamber.*

I have never "made it clear" that my purpose is to "prevent a Labour Government from passing socialist measures". My purpose is to ensure that *any* legislation (other than financial measures) by *any* government should reflect the wishes of the electorate, and in particular to prevent governments representing relatively small fractions of the electorate, and chosen by the present system of voting, from using their majority in the Commons as an elective dictatorship.

Whilst I have no right to speak for Lord Carrington or Sir Keith Joseph I believe Professor Griffith to be as inaccurate in stating their views as he has been about mine.

The last sentence in his letter is as good an example of a non sequitur as the rest is a perversion of the facts.

Yours, etc.
HAILSHAM,
House of Lords.
August 31.

Meditation in the NHS

From Mrs S. A. Turner and Dr D. W. Johnston

Sir, The exhortation by a group of doctors to "Meditate—and save the NHS millions" (*The Times,* August 31) concerns us. While alternatives to drug treatment for patients suffering from anxiety, depression, hypertension and insomnia are to be welcomed, it would be wrong to commit scarce resources to a treatment whose efficacy for these problems is not proven when still more economical alternatives may be available.

Research both in the United States and in this country has questioned the claim that Transcendental Meditation produces benefits which cannot be achieved by simpler techniques of relaxation (without the mystique surrounding TM) or even by just sitting quietly for a period each day.

If, as the doctors have assured Mr Ennals, TM "requires no religious or philosophical commitment", it would seem more appropriate for them to prescribe other forms of relaxation which have been widely publicized in the medical literature and which could be taught, for example in health centres, at much less cost to the NHS and under its direct control.

Yours faithfully,
SARA TURNER,
Clinical Psychologist,
Somerville College, Oxford.
DEREK JOHNSTON,
Senior Research Psychologist,
Oxford University Department of Psychiatry,
Warneford Hospital,
Oxford.
August 31.

Supplying oil to Rhodesia

From Mr Bernard Rivers and Mr Martin Bailey

Sir, Sir Frank McFadzean rightly points out (letter of September 5 in *The Times*) that the only way to *prevent oil reaching* Rhodesia from South Africa is to cease supplying it *to* South Africa. Unfortunately no British Government has been prepared to support such an action. But even now, as Commonwealth leaders recommended last year, South Africa could be told that if it does not prevent oil reaching Rhodesia, then its own oil will be cut off.

It is true that no British law prevents Shell and BP's subsidiaries in South Africa from selling oil to local clients who may then resell to Rhodesia. But it is now clear that Rhodesia has not received its oil through some such "accidental" scheme. Instead, Shell and BP's South African subsidiaries—with the full knowledge of their parent companies in London—deliberately operated a secret scheme to supply half of Rhodesia's oil through fronts such as Freight Services.

The most remarkable aspect of Sir Frank's letter is that he does not mention that until 1976 Shell's supplies to Rhodesia were sent through Lourenço Marques. For most of the period since UDI the oil was handled there by Shell Mozambique. Shell Mozambique is a British company registered in London with mainly British directors. It is in no way subject to South African law. Indeed, as a British company, it is obliged to uphold UK sanctions legislation, which outlaws the supply of oil to Rhodesia or "any act calculated to promote the supply" of oil.

Sir David Barran, another former Shell chairman, seems not to have been properly aware of the fact that Shell Mozambique was obliged to uphold sanctions. In a BBC interview on *Monday he confessed:* "I don't think I had the distinction between Shell Mozambique and *Shell South Africa very clear in my head*". *Ignorance* on this vital point is certainly an alarming indication of the way in which the oil companies dealt with the important issue of Rhodesian sanctions.

Yours sincerely,
BERNARD RIVERS,
MARTIN BAILEY,
4a Belsize Lane, NW3.
September 5.

Evidence at an inquest

From Mrs Pauline Cornish

Sir, My husband perished in the Taunton sleeper fire. Alone and at my own expense, I attended the public inquiry and the inquest and was present throughout.

With reference to Mr E. J. Doody's complaints about the way the inquest was conducted (letter, *August 24*), *I fail to see how the* witnesses were unfairly treated as he implies.

The statements of the witnesses given at the inquiry were read out at the inquest in order to save time. After all, either they were telling the truth or they were not. The fact that this was an inquest and not an inquiry should not have made any difference to their evidence. Be that as it may, witnesses were legally represented and were allowed to change any part of their testimony if they wished. In fact only one witness chose to do so.

As to Mr Doody's statement that senior counsel were able to have a "field day" at the expense of railway *employees, I consider* that to be a gross exaggeration. May I inform any British Rail representatives who were present at the inquest, that if they feel they were ill-used by counsel, then they should consider themselves extremely fortunate not to have been cross-examined by me.

Yours sincerely,
PAULINE CORNISH,
78 Carbeile Road,
Torpoint,
Cornwall.

Chess confrontation

From Mr Bill Holden

Sir, Your editorial (August 31) entitled "Psychological warfare in Baguio", while quite correctly pointing out the damaging effect that the accusations and outbursts have had on the standard of play, does not place the blame for these actions on the person concerned.

It is the challenger, Victor Korchnoi, who has complained about yogurt, and invented fantastic stories about rays. While the world champion has approached the *table quietly* and continued to concentrate on chess, the complaints from the challenger about the professor of psychology have continued unabated.

If *The Times,* like myself, would like *to see a sporting contest where* the opponents do battle in a spirit of mutual good manners, if not friendliness, then it should be pointed out that the tense and unpleasant atmosphere created by the challenger has only rebounded on himself. If, as expected, Karpov retains his world champion title we can only hope that the next challenger adopts a more serious approach to chess, to provide a far greater degree of pleasure and interest to the game's millions of followers all over the world.

Yours faithfully,
BILL HOLDEN,
14 Jurby House,
Sutton Estate,
Upper Street,
Islington, N1.
August 31.

From Mr Geoffrey Payton

Sir, While playing what Montaigne calls the stupid and puerile game *of chess with a French prince,* William the Conqueror, according to Burton's *Anatomy,* bashed the board over his opponent's pate.

And a good move, too, in some circumstances. Philippine papers please copy.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY PAYTON,
Morrison House,
Chagford,
Devon.

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YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 5: The Duke of Kent visited the Farnborough International 78 Air Show today and was entertained at luncheon.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lieutenant Commander Richard Buckley, RN.

Birthdays today

The Right Rev J. Bickersteth, 57; Major-General L. T. Furnivall, 71; General Sir Peter Hellings, 67; Admiral Sir Reginald Portal, 84; Lieutenant-General Sir John Read, 61; Sir James Stubblefield, 77; Miss J. A. Tredgold, 75; Sir Anthony Wagner, 70; Sir William McEwan Younger, 73.

Dinner

Indo-British Association

The High Commissioner for India, Mr Michael Foot, MP, Lord Brockway and Mr Sydney Bidwell, MP, were the principal guests at a dinner given by the Chairman of the Indo-British Association and Mrs Paul at the Sujata Restaurant last night.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, Sept. 5, 1953

Tension on Trieste

From Our Correspondent

Belgrade, Sept 4.—Another Yugoslav protest in Rome today indicating that Yugoslavia will take corresponding measures unless Italy calls off the movements of her troops and tanks which, it is said here, are still in progress along the border, provides a new source of anxiety between the two countries concerning Trieste. After Yugoslavia's first protest on Tuesday, two further notes were addressed to the Italian Government but both referred to specific incidents—involving intrusions over the border by Italian soldiers—alleged to have occurred on Monday, since when a calmer atmosphere had begun to prevail and excitement in Rome had substantially died down. However, the warning implicit in the Yugoslav note today that President Tito may deem it necessary to take measures—which may only be interpreted as meaning military measures, such as a precautionary movement of troops towards the frontier—together with the expectations surrounding his speech on Sunday suggest that another agitated weekend lies ahead. It may be that the statement by Mr Dulles yesterday regarding the ill-starred 1948 declaration in which Britain, the United States and France virtually promised the whole Free Territory to Italy, may modify some of the terms of Marshall Tito's speech.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. H. H. Slater
and Miss D. F. Hughes

The engagement is announced between Colin Hogarth Hayter, son of Lady Rootes and the late Wing Commander J. H. Slater, AFC, and Stepson of Lord Rootes, of North Standen House, Hungerford, Berkshire, and Davina Frances, only daughter of Mr Stanley Hughes, of 5 South Eaton Place, SW1.

Mr T. P. T. Braithwaite
and Miss R. Ferens

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Colonel and Mrs T. M. Braithwaite, of Dunkerton, near Bath, and Rosemary, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs M. R. Ferens, of Bolam, co Durham.

Mr K. A. Easdale
and Miss L. A. Cumming

The engagement is announced between Kenneth Alexander, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R. M. Easdale, Long Acre, Monkton, Ayrshire, and Lesley Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Cumming, 15 Beech Avenue, Glasgow.

Mr I. de le Vingne
and Miss J. C. Darbyshire

The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. F. H. de le Vingne, of Twinham, Sussex, and Jill Clare, second daughter of Mr Norman Darbyshire, 36 Hyde Park Gate, London, SW7, and the late Mrs Manon Darbyshire.

Mr R. Kyprianou
and Miss S. Tapis

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs A. Kyprianou, of Hackney, London, and Soulla, daughter of Mr A. Tapis, of Morphou, Cyprus.

Mr J. A. T. B. Oldfield
and Miss C. E. Barnett

The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs J. V. Oldfield, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, and Carol, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs W. J. Barnett, of Wheaton, Illinois, United States, formerly of Kijabe, Kenya.

Mr C. A. Coriat
and Miss C. M. O'Reilly

The engagement is announced between Christopher Archibald, son of the late Mr H. Coriat and of Mrs H. Coriat, of Farmington, Gloucestershire, and Christine Mary, daughter of the late Captain John O'Reilly, TD, and of Mrs J. O'Reilly, of Austell Gardens, Mill Hill, London.

Mr A. B. Gruzman
and Miss G. H. Burdon

The engagement is announced between Anton Brian, elder son of Mr and Mrs L. C. Gruzman, of Vaucluse, Sydney, Australia, and Gillian Helen, only daughter of Major and Mrs W. V. Burdon, of Jervaulx Abbey, Ripon, Yorkshire.

Mr J. P. Mervis
and Miss A. M. Delamothe

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs Joel Mervis, of Johannesburg, and Margaret, elder daughter of Lady Delamothe and the late Hon Sir Peter Delamothe, of London and Bowen, Australia.

Mr D. C. Stewart
and Miss W. A. McMillan

The engagement is announced between David Charles, youngest son of the late Mr A. G. Stewart and of Mrs Stewart, of Corsliehill, Houston, Renfrewshire, and Wendy Ann, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John McMillan, of Rosary Gardens, London, SW7.

Dr N. P. Tait
and Miss J. J. Ware

The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. D. Tait, of Morpeth, Northumberland, and Josephine, only daughter of Dr and Mrs R. W. Ware, of Dulwich Village, London, and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Mr M. S. Wainwright
and Miss P. Cartledge

The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr Richard Wainwright, MP, and Mrs Wainwright, of Adel, Leeds, and Penny, daughter of the late Dr Laurence Cartledge, formerly of St Bartholomew's Hospital, and Mrs Cartledge, of London, W5.

Captain N. R. Parker
and Mrs R. C. Rykens

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Ralph Parker, The Royal Green Jackets, son of Captain Blake Parker, Royal Navy, and Mrs Parker, of Whytton House, Steep, Petersfield, Hampshire, and Rebecca Clare, only daughter of the late Colonel J. D. Tim Wellings, OBE, and of Mrs Wellings, of Bridge Street, Wickham, Hampshire.

Marriages

Mr C. A. G. Gore Langton
and Miss S. F. Collins

The marriage took place on Friday, September 1, at St James's, Piccadilly, between Mr Chandos Gore Langton, elder son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs Alaric Gore Langton, and Miss Fiona Collins, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Collins. The Rector, the Rev William Baddeley, officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Clare Gore Langton, Miss Tania Redman, Miss Sarah Peters, Anna Bathurst and Lucilla Bathurst. Mr Grenville Gore Langton was best man.

A reception was held at Boodle's.

Mr G. J. C. Wheeler-Bennett
and Miss A. J. Crawford

The marriage took place on September 2 at St Peter's Church, Soberton, Hampshire, between Mr Giles Wheeler-Bennett, son of the late Dr J. A. Wheeler-Bennett and Mrs Wheeler-Bennett, of Monks Risborough, Buckinghamshire, and Alison, daughter of the late Lieutenant-Commander J. A. S. Crawford and Mrs Crawford, of Maypoles, Soberton.

Mr J. H. Whitworth
and Miss B. J. Fischel

The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, September 2, at St Mary's Church, Silverton, Devon, between Mr John Howarth Whitworth, elder son of Mr and Mrs Whitworth, of Luton, Bedfordshire, and Miss Belinda Jane Fischel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Fischel, of The Mount, Shoreham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Today's engagements

The *Prince of Wales visits* international flying display and exhibition, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Hampshire, 11.45.

The Duke of Kent visits Thames Television studios, Teddington, to see rehearsal of *Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson*, 2.30; later, guest of honour and chief speaker at flying display dinner, Dorchester hotel, 7.50.

Welcome Evening, Westminster Abbey, 6—8.

Exhibitions: Prisoners-of-war art, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, 10-5.50; The mechanized image—historical perspective on twentieth-century prints, Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, Hampstead.

Lecture: The Chelsea carpet—A visual approach, Victoria and Albert Museum, 1.15.

Antiques Fair: Old Gate House, Highgate Village, 10-4.

Lord Dowding Fund

The Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research, a department of the National Anti-Vivisection Society, has awarded £17,600 to Dr R. I. Kitney, of Chelsea College, London University, for a three-year quantitative study of the responses of the cardiovascular control mechanisms and the management of disordered circulatory states, in association with Dr Alastair McDonald of the London Hospital Medical School.

A grant of £7,000 has gone to Dr D. J. Williams, of Bradford University, for a three-year theoretical investigation of the mechanism of operation of anti-cancer drugs, in association with Dr R. Edmundson, of the same university.

£10,587 silver sale at Bonhams

Bonhams held a sale of old English and modern silver and plate yesterday which realized a total of £10,587. A set of six late-eighteenth-century Spanish plates was sold for £430, a Humphrey Payne coffee pot made in London about 1745 for £250, and a presentation four-piece tea set for £430.

£800,000 cancer unit

An anonymous donor has given £800,000 for a new radiotherapy unit to treat cancer patients at the King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, West Sussex.

Ancient skull shows evidence of surgery

Moscow, Sept 5.—Soviet archaeologists have discovered an ancient skull bearing unmistakable traces of successful cranial surgery. They were excavating burial mounds dating from the fifth and sixth century in the foothills of the Tienshan mountains of Kazakhstan.

Tass said the skull, now displayed at an Alma Ata museum of medical history, showed that its owner had undergone a successful cranial trepanation. A physician of the time had bored a hole through the skull to relieve pressure on the brain, using a metal instrument.

"In the opinion of scientists the patient lived for nearly a year after the operation," Tass said. An anthropologist has established that the patient was approximately 40 years old.—UPI.

Malvern College

The Council of Malvern College have appointed Mr A. J. Hunter, at present serving as Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service in Hongkong, to succeed Mr C. R. C. Donald as Bursar when the latter retires at the end of August, 1979.

Queen's College, Taunton

Autumn term commences on September 7. The head of school is R. B. Hannam. The senior school play, *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, will be performed on December 8 and 9. The carol service will be held on December 10. Half-term will be from November 1 to November 7.

Taunton School

Term begins today. Mr J. C. Prescott joins the staff as Head of Geography. There will be a performance of *Elijah* in the school chapel on Friday, December 1, at 8 pm. The rugger match against the Old Tauntonians is on Saturday, December 9. Term ends with a carol service at St Mary's Church on Thursday, December 14.

Wellingborough School

The Michaelmas Term starts today with a total of 520 boys in the senior and junior schools, and a group of sixth-form girls. Speech Day is on October 21, with Mr S. L. Bragg, Vice-Chancellor of Brunel University, as the guest of honour. OW weekend is November 11, 12, and carol services on December 10, 11, 12.

Latest wills

Mrs Alice Ruth Walker, of Sidmouth left £120,371 net. After bequests totalling £12,350 and effects she left the residue equally among St Loyes College, Exeter, the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association Training Centre, Exeter, and the RNLI.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Dunnett, Mr William Herbert, of Bray	£218,977
Glenn, Mr Maurice James, of Farnham	£143,969
Herd, Mr Robert, of Holmpton, Humberside, farmer	£197,320
Martyn, Mrs Vivien Mary, of Kensington	£213,109
Nelken, Mrs Hermine Ruth, of St John's Wood, London, intestate	£126,461
Ogier, Mr John Lionel Eardley, of Cranbrook, Kent	£167,973
O'Neill, Mr George, of Hatch End, intestate	£107,908
Page, Sir Denys Lionel, of Hexham, Regius Professor of Greek at Cambridge 1950-73	£84,862
Swancoat, Mr Norman Hyslop, of Cowes	£150,284
Vaughan-Morgan, Mr Guy Collett, of Boughton	£132,194

Tankards for museum

Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, minister responsible for the arts, has allocated to the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, a pair of large cylindrical porcelain tankards accepted by the Treasury in lieu of capital transfer tax and paid for from the National Land Fund.

£100,000 winner

The £100,000 winning Premium Bond in the September draw was 12WP 367340; the winner lives in Cleveland. The £25,000 winning bond was 5MB 785092; the winner lives in Dorset.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR HERBERT DINGLE

Eminent scientist and philosopher

Professor Herbert Dingle, who was Professor of the History and Philosophy of Science at University College, London, from 1946 to 1955, died on September 4 at the age of 88.

Herbert Dingle, physicist, mathematician, philosopher and lover of poetry was born in London in 1890. Following his father's death, his mother returned to her native Devonshire taking her infant son with her. Thus Dingle received his early education at the Plymouth Science, Art and Technical Schools which he left when he was fourteen. For the next eleven years he worked as a clerk by day and studied, as best he might, by night until in 1915 he won a Royal Scholarship for Physics at the Imperial College in London. There he graduated with high honours in physics in 1918, a year which also saw his marriage to Alice Westacott who was his devoted and faithful companion until her death in 1947. Dingle had already been appointed a Demonstrator whilst still a student and his subsequent rise through the grades of the academic staff was rapid, culminating in his election to the Professorship of Natural Philosophy in 1937. Thereafter his contributions to the philosophy of science brought him to the Chair of the History and Philosophy of Science at University College, London, in 1946. On his retirement he was made Professor Emeritus. He had been Secretary of the Royal Astronomical Society from 1929 to 1932 and Vice-President in 1938-39 and 1942-44.

Under the influence of Alfred Fowler, Dingle's experimental work lay in the field of spectroscopy where he analysed and interpreted the spectra of neutral, ionized and doubly ionized fluorine, of the iron arc and of mercury. He was never able to realize his ambition of applying his spectroscopic ability in astrophysical observation. Three times he was to have observed, during total solar eclipses, the Sun's spectrum only to be defeated by cloudy skies at Colwyn Bay (1927) and Montreal (1932) and by the Second World War in 1940 when his expedition was cancelled. Nevertheless, beginning with *Modern Astrophysics* in 1924, he wrote much during his life on the laboratory and astronomical applications of spectroscopy.

Simultaneously with these experimental researches, Dingle's philosophical bent drew him to a study of relativity. His *Relativity For All* (1922) appeared at a time when it used to be said that only six men in the world understood the theory. If this had been true, Dingle must be rated high among the six for his little book shows a profound grasp of relativity as a physical theory combined with a capacity for presenting it, not as an esoteric mystery, but as a logical development of the mechanics of Newton. Later, in 1932, as a Rockefeller Foundation Scholar at the California Institute of Technology, he wrote on the mathematical aspects of the so-called expanding universe theory, and on E. A. Milne's alternative cosmology.

But his chief claim to fame lies in his scientific philosophy, expounded in a formidable list of articles in scientific, philosophical and religious journals as well as in his books. The central themes are, first, that science is firmly rooted in experience and, secondly, that it is a rational and coherent scheme of thought, though not necessarily the only such scheme. He was thus at variance with his older contemporaries Eddington and Jeans who, to him, seemed to present science to the lay mind as a set of mysterious paradoxes, at times almost as something irrational. Steeped in the history of science as he was, Dingle argued that science became intelligible only if the points of view of science and of common sense were recognized as *alternative* rationalizations of the data of experience. By this term he meant not only the individual's own sense-data, but also his memories and the recorded experiences of other people. The dualism which sees an external world existing independently of the investigator and opposed to a mind that explores it was the root source of the confusion. The true dualism lay between the data of experience to which alone we have access, on the one hand, and reason as the correlator of these data, on the other. Different schemes of correlation were possible according to the end in view. Thus common sense with its conception of a physical object such as a table or a horse, led to action whilst science, employing the alternative conceptions of mass, light, electrons, etc., sought an understanding of the relations between apparently unconnected experiences. To attempt an expression of the scientific scheme in terms of the conceptions of common sense was bound to end, in Dingle's view, in inconsistency and paradox.

These ideas are most completely developed in *Through Science to Philosophy* (1937) but an earlier work, *Science and Human Experience* (1931), contains an interesting notion later discarded. The experiences rationalized by science are there said to be those "common to all normal people" thus providing a universal objective element which is missing from his later work. Supposing indeed that there is no such controlling factor, independent of scientist's own experienc reason, why is it that in s some schemes of rationali "work" so much better others? In 1961 he engag a philosophical dialogue the first Viscount Samuel, 90, which was publishe *A Threefold Cord.*

If Dingle's philosophy c criticized as a philosophy of use when we are philoso ing, such was not his own tude towards it. His analy the nature of physical tim the "dimensions" of ph magnitudes and his rela theory of temperature (are all applications to parti physical problems of his sophical ideas. The stand he adopted was diametri opposed to Eddington's wh a law of nature as an ex sion of the character of knowledge of an independ existing external world. more antipathetic was E Milne's attitude who a that mechanics and the s ture of the universe coul *deduced from a priori* ciples without an empi element at all. Such "mo Aristotelian" doctrines see to Dingle to be a return to pre-scientific era in which scientific method so laborio built up over 300 years w perish.

In 1969 Dingle launched sharper controversy with assertion in *The Listener* aspects of Einstein's Sp Theory of Relativity were leading. The aspect of theory known as "time tion", dealing with the rel speeds of clocks was attac as untenable by Dingle, pro ing a storm of corresponde and a markedly hostile reac throughout much of the scie fic world. This reaction e tually led to Dingle's con tion, in another book, that basis of much physical exp mentation was wrong.

Mention must also be m of Dingle's love of music above all of his deep apprec tion of poetry. His passion a rational understanding of thing which interested hi urged him to find a point view from which a poet's w would appear as a coherent a intelligible whole. His studi of Wordsworth, Swinburne a Emily Brontë reveal this att tude very clearly and it wa further explained in *Scienc and Literary Criticism* (194 Moreover Dingle's scientific an philosophical works, written i a characteristically witty style abound with poetical allusion and quotations. Of him indee it may be said that he sough to interpret the mind of man a a whole, untrammeled by mental sub-divisions into water-tigh compartments labelled science philosophy or emotional experience, a feat which few men have achieved.

DR HAROLD FLETCHER

Patrick Synge writes:

In Harold Fletcher, whose death in Edinburgh on August 27, was announced recently, we have lost one of the most notable systematic botanists and horticulturists of the age and I feel that his services to the Royal Horticultural Society at least should not pass without mention in your columns while others may write on his work for Botany in Scotland.

He succeeded Mr John Gilmour in 1951 as director of the society's garden at Wisley where he and the late Mr Francis Hanger made a well-balanced and most effective team and he stayed with the society till 1954 when he returned to his former and more abiding love at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, where he subsequently became Regius Keeper and Queen's Botanist in Scotland.

Although only three years at Wisley our president then Sir David Bowes-Lyon said at the annual general meeting following "He most certainly left his mark, because he did a great of wonderful work at Wisley". But his services to the society did not end there for he compiled the massive and erudite but yet highly entertaining and readable *Story of the Royal Horticultural Society 1804-1968* which was published by the Oxford University Press in 1969, which had been started by the late Mr Simmonds to celebrate its 150th Anniversary in 1954.

No finer account of a society has in my opinion, ever been published. He was awarded the Victoria Medal of Honour, the society's highest award in 1956 and in 1964 a Gold Veitch Memorial Medal for his work on rhododendrons, a genus with which the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh has always been closely connected. With his predecessor there Sir William Wright-Smith FRS he compiled the massive systematic revision of the Genus *Primula* which was published in many parts over the years and which was based on the enormous collections of Sino-Himalayan plants from Forrest, Kingdon Ward, Ludlow and Sherriff and others which had been sent to Edinburgh and which will long stand as the great authoritative work on the genus.

During his time as Regius Keeper the exciting new range of glasshouses was built which showed a completely new design, having no internal support or obtruding pillars, being supported entirely from the outside with a metal structure and which presented a new idea in construction and was probably superior to any greenhouse previously made. In 1975 the Edinburgh University Press published a long desired book in his *A Quest of Flowers*, being the Plant Explorations of Frank Ludlow and George Sherriff, told from their diaries and occasional writings. It was a fascinating book on their travels in Bhutan and Tibet, two rarely visited countries but ones very rich in good horticultural plants. Harold Fletcher, *although frequently in ill* health, had a great capacity for hard and meticulous work and in his checking of references was always most careful and thorough. He also acted as general secretary to the International Botanical Conference held in Edinburgh during his time as Regius Keeper.

After his retirement he was able to pursue his other great interest, the collection and encouragement of modern Scottish painters and the Museum of Modern Scottish Art in Inverleith House in the garden, the old residence of the Regius Keeper, owed much to his interest

In Harold Fletcher many gardeners have lost a stimulating, entertaining, and generous friend, whose hospitality in his house in Howard Place opposite to the entrance to the garden always made visits to Edinburgh memorable and exciting.

METROPOLITAN NIKODIM

Metropolitan Nikodim Leningrad, who died of a hea attack at the age of 48 yeste day during an audience wi the Pope in the Vatican, wa the second ranking prelate o the Russian Orthodox Churc A noted worker for Christia Unity, he had been born Bori G. Rotov near Ryazan.

In 1960 he was promoted a position of some importanc when he was made responsib for the Russian Church's rel tions with foreign countrie and he followed this in 1961 b leading the Russian ecumenic movement into the Worl Council of Churches. He wa made a Metropolitan in 196 and later became the fir member of the Russian Orth dox Church to be elected on of the six presidents of th World Council of Churches.

Within his Church he had t reputation of a conservativ refusing to recognize dissentin groups witin the Russian Ort odox Church, and in his ow hierarchy was sometimes cri cized for what appeared to b a willingness to allow th Church to voice the views o the Soviet state. This plianc lent weight to suspicions voice at the time of his appointme in 1960 to his church foreig relations post, that the Sovie government intended to mak greater use of the Orthodo Church as an instrument o Russian foreign policy.

SIR RICHARD HARVEY

Lieutenant-Commander Si Richard Musgrave Harve second baronet, died on Septem ber 1 at the age of 79. He wa the son of Sir Ernest Musgrav Harvey, first baronet, KBE an was educated at the RN Co leges, Osborne and Dartmout and succeeded his father i 1955.

He married in 1930 Frances Estelle, daughter of Lindsay Crompton Lawford. They had one son and one daughter. The son, Mr Charles Richard Musgrave Harvey, succeeds his father.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION/BATH, SEPT 5

Half world's crops lost to pests

From Robin McKie, Michael Horsnell and Dianna Geddes

At least half of man's crop production is lost each year to his natural competitors, weeds and pests, during growth, storage and distribution, Professor L. Broadbent, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Bath University, said.

But proper management by integrated controls, biological, chemical and agronomic, could double the world's food supplies at relatively small cost, he added. In fact, with up to 700 million of the world's population undernourished or starving, we needed to increase food production by up to three times in the next 25 years.

Factors limiting crop production varied in different parts of the world. It was practically impossible to grow a healthy plant, for all were under almost constant attack, both above and below soil level, from a wide range of other organisms. But the tenth of the land surface now being cultivated could be raised to three tenths by present farming methods.

The long-term means of control to which every farmer looked forward was the development of resistance by plant breeding and there had been spectacular successes. New ideas were continually being developed.

The latest idea had been developed at the Plant Breeding Institute at Cambridge and at the university. Instead of sowing a crop of one cultivar in which a fungus could spread rapidly if it overcame the plant's resistance, he said, a mixture of several cultivars of different genetic origins was sown and epidemic spread of disease was unlikely.

Professor Broadbent underlined the difficulties facing farmers in their attempt to meet the growing demand for crops throughout the world when he disclosed that about 10,000 species of insects, 8,000 fungi and 200 weeds of agricultural importance constantly challenge agricultural experts.

But he added that if man could break away from his "prejudice and hysterical fear of pesticides", large advances could be made in meeting needs in the next 25 years.

Relief of poverty: Fashionable and intellectually fascinating concern with economic equality must take a back seat and priority must be given to the relief of poverty, Dr Wilfred Beckerman, fellow of Balliol College, Oxford, told an economics symposium.

The slow growth that Britain and most other advanced countries were likely to experience in the next decade mattered only because of its impact on poverty; it would have little effect on most of the inhabitants of those countries, he said.

That was because of anti-inflationary policies that implied slow growth in the demand for labour relative to its supply and hence continuing, or increased, high unemployment.

Vast store of plant drugs still to be investigated

The plant kingdom remains a vast untapped reservoir of drugs that could be used to treat many illnesses, including cancer, and provide new contraceptive agents, Dr David Phillipson, of the School of Pharmacy at London University, said. Despite the many naturally occurring chemicals known to have wide medical importance, only about a tenth of all plants have been fully investigated scientifically, he said.

There was a commonly held belief that novel drugs in the future would be discovered only through laboratory synthesis, and, furthermore, those drugs from plants would eventually be derived synthetically as well.

Dr Phillipson rejected that view. "The plant kingdom has undeniable potential as a vast source of new drugs", he said. In the United States more than a quarter of prescriptions dispensed at chemist shops were derived from plants, and he believed that the figures for Britain were similar.

"It can be concluded, that natural products do play an important part in current medical prescribing; that natural products and herbal remedies are purchased; and that known natural product drugs possess a wide spectrum of pharmacological activities", he added.

Referring to the use of natural products as a basis for antifertility agents, Dr Phillipson said contraceptive pills were still considered to be the chief means by which the world's population might be controlled.

"Much of the research into the development of new oral contraceptives has centred on synthetic modifications of existing compounds", he said. "However, many countries have folklore literature that describes the use of plants as antifertility agents, and a systematic investigation of such plants might result in the discovery of new drugs."

Educational psychologists of 'poor quality'

Educational psychologists were criticized for their poor intellectual qualities and for their unquestioning acceptance of psychological theories in a paper presented to the psychology section.

Mr David Hargreaves, reader in education at Manchester University, said that in his view psychologists working in education departments were in general inferior in ability and achievements to their colleagues who were engaged in basic research in the psychology departments.

The poor intellectual quality of many of the recruits to educational psychology, combined with the pressure on them to produce rapid applications, ensured that much of their work acquired the character of what Kuhn had called "normal science", unquestioning dogmatism, narrowness and oversimplification, he said.

"If drug companies marketed their drugs with the same uncritical and precipitate fervour that educational psychologists sell their ideas to teachers, most of us would be dead or maimed.

"I sometimes think that the skill of being a successful educational psychologist resides less in being a judicious scientist than in cultivating the entrepreneurial art of turning a possibility into a panacea and exploiting the market of demoralized teachers accordingly".

If one looked at the criticism directed against the intelligence testing movement, one found little of the argument directed against intelligence testing in principle.

Rather, the critical attack was mounted, with justification, against the development of what were, from the point of view of the psychometrician (those involved in pure research), simply bad tests; against the permanent labelling and allocation of pupils to different types of schools on the basis of a single test result obtained in far from ideal conditions; against the poor administration of tests by people, educational psychologists, who had little understanding of what they were doing.

"Pure" psychologists were also partly to blame for paying too little attention to educational psychology.

Educational psychologists were victims of the belief that the theoretical and methodological traffic between pure and applied psychology must be one-way, from pure to applied, rather than a two-way traffic that would be the mark of a healthy and mature science.

Guidelines 'more desirable than common curriculum'

A common-core curriculum, based on centrally imposed guidelines and syllabuses, is neither feasible nor desirable, Professor Jack Wrigley, of Reading University, said.

Professor Wrigley, who for the past eight years has been director of studies at the Schools Council, argued that such a core curriculum would inevitably become a minimum for every child and act as a straitjacket for the enterprising teacher and as a prop for the lazy and incompetent teacher.

Before and after the "great debate" on education and the Green Paper that followed it the Department of Education and Science and the Schools Inspectorate had been much occupied with the question of a common core. But he believed that the very fact of wide-ranging ability among pupils made a clear definition of a common form of curriculum undesirable.

The facts about the differences in ability between the very able and the handicapped were known to employers and teachers alike. Yet debates about the curriculum ignored the facts; the existence of individual differences had become a taboo subject.

"It seems as if to recognize and state obvious truths on this issue labels one as an elitist or a Conservative. Yet many of my socialist friends admit in private what for some extraordinary reason they suppress in public", Professor Wrigley said.

He agreed with the view expressed in the book, *Standards and the school curriculum: analysis and suggestions from HMI*, published earlier this year, in which inspectors argued that an ideal curriculum, designed with the aim of providing for all children in their infinite variety, would necessarily be diverse and divisive.

He believed that comprehensive schooling and mixed-ability teaching could and should lead to greater differentiation in achieved standards. For if each pupil performed nearer to potential, the variation would be greater, not less. It was the bright pupil who was underachieving.

While he believed that we should abandon the search for a common-core curriculum, he believed that there should be more general guidelines. Examination syllabuses should be tightened so that essentials were examined. A common element in certain specific subjects at certain levels of performance might be desirable.

Tiny mammals 'killed off dinosaurs'

The dinosaurs that dominated the earth for 140 million years were finally killed off by myriads of small ratlike mammals who stole their food, Dr Beverley Halstead, reader of geology and zoology at Reading University, told the geology section.

The catastrophic collapse of the giant reptiles 64 million years ago took place at a time when there was a gradual fall in the overall temperature, with a marked increase in seasonal changes in which summers became hotter and winter colder, he said.

But that gradual change in climate was preceded by a sudden rise in temperature which provided the clue to the extinction of the dinosaurs, Dr Halstead continued. The tropical flora was gradually replaced by a more temperate one. The region of the temperate flora was dominated by the ratlike mammals, that of the tropical flora by dinosaurs.

"No dinosaurs could possibly hope to cope with myriads of small mammals devouring all before them. The success of tiny rodent-like mammals in direct competition for available food resources must have been the final straw that tipped the dinosaurs into oblivion."

But Dr Halstead added a warning about his theory. He said: "This year the most plausible theory on the extinction of the dinosaurs has the mammals playing the key role, but that does not mean that this will necessarily be the accepted theory next year."

Britain's "underclass": Britain is stuck with an "underclass" of the poorest and unhealthiest people in society, Dr Jeremy Morris, Professor of Community Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said.

"The health statistics seem to indicate the segregation of an "underclass", he said, "with multiple deprivation and harmful behaviour, that does not necessarily benefit enough from general social improvements, and that may increasingly be unable to cope with the system, including its health services unless special measures are taken."

Nazi-style animal experiments attacked

An attack on needless "nazi-style" animal experiments that cause pain and anguish yet produce little of scientific value was made by Dr Alice Heim in her presidential address to the psychology section.

Dr Heim, of Cambridge University psychological laboratory, one of Britain's most distinguished psychologists, said even human beings were sometimes used as a means to an end by experimental psychologist, but people knew that experiments were finite and that they could opt out.

She called for fresh legislation to control the use of animals in experiments, saying: "The law dates back to 1876 and is in need of reform".

In a wide condemnation of scientific malpractices involving animals, she said: "I have in mind experiments that demand the infliction of severe deprivation, or abject terror, or inescapable pain, either mental or physical, on the animals being experimented upon".

Dr Heim, who said that she was not against animal experiments in principle, singled out for particular criticism the induction of anorexia or obesity in animals, the creation of gastric ulcers, investigations on withdrawal symptoms, on man-induced addictions and on relentless sleep-deprivation.

Scientists often replied, she said, that animals had grossly inferior nervous systems and did not suffer in the same way as humans. "It seems strange that psychologists of this persuasion should continue to claim that their work with rats is germane to human psychology", she said.

Some knowledge derived from animal experiments was too trivial to be valuable in any sense. After speaking of Nazi methods of medical research in Hitler's time, she said: "I am not suggesting that psychologists nowadays are in the habit of performing noxious and irreversible experiments on human subjects, but I am asserting that psychologists do habitually perform noxious and sometimes irreversible experiments on other species".

By the time most psychology students reached their final year they had been indoctrinated into believing that anthropomorphism was naive, sentimental and unscientific.

Sperm whales diet of squid

Sperm whales eat 100 million tonnes of squid each year, more than the world's total catch of all types of fish, Dr Malcolm Clarke, of the Marine Biological Association, in Plymouth, said that nearly 30,000 squid jaws could accumulate in one whale stomach.

"Let us hope that thepublic's enthusiasm for a moratorium on sperm whale killing is matched by the enthusiasm of biologists and whalers to collect samples from stomachs in all regions where whaling is still going on", he said.

"If that is not done, we may find it impossible to make even thhe broadest estimate of some squid populations which have great importance in the sea but are inaccessible to us."

Science report

Equine metritis: Control almost total

By Our Veterinary Correspondent

Contagious equine metritis (CEM), which until recently was a serious threat to horses, has been brought under almost total control in Britain. Speaking at the annual congress of the British Veterinary Association at Lancaster, Mr D. G. Powell, of the Equine Research station at Newmarket, and Mr D. Simpson, veterinarian to the National Stud, described the remarkable progress made since the explosive outbreak of this venereal disease among thoroughbreds last year.

Most of the credit, they said, should go to the code of practice evolved by the Horserace Betting Levy Board, but there had been outstanding cooperation from everyone concerned with horses, even at the international level.

More than 20,000 sets of swabs had been screened in the scheme by 40 laboratories, and in about the past 12 months only 52 thoroughbred mares and two stallions had proved positive for the casual organism. No case had been found among the many hundreds of non-thoroughbreds tested, so that, unlike France (where the disease had been confirmed more widely) it was still possible that by prompt action the general horse population in Britain would remain uncontaminated.

Indeed, as there had been only two small clinical incidents with CEM among thoroughbreds this year, Mr Powell saw no point in continuing to screen non-thoroughbreds.

The disease had spread from France to Kentucky in two stallions despite screening before use, Mr Powell said, but by drawing on British experience and acting quickly the United States appeared to have overcome the threat.

In contrast, France had not taken such speedy action, although the presence of CEM in other breeds of horse there could be partly explained by the greater intermingling of thoroughbreds and non-thoroughbreds on French farms.

While the achievement was gratifying, Mr Simpson said, he was worried by a disease that had appeared out of the blue and that was caused by a hitherto unknown bacterium. Had the organism mutated from a less virulent one; was it living in another species; was it endemic somewhere in other horses? Less virulent strains, for example, existed abroad.

When the origin of a new disease was unexplained and when, looking back, control had been too easy, it was to be hoped that we were not experiencing a temporary lull. Other diseases, such as equine influenza, waxed and waned naturally, so it would be better to have a few more quiet years behind us before relaxing precautions.

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THE ARTS

The Story So Far, a watercolour by Ray Kite

Art and the end of summer

The end of summer tends to be a time for rag-tag-and-bobtail exhibitions in the London galleries. Sometimes they are unashamedly mixed summer shows or miscellanies of gallery artists; sometimes a theme is somehow abstracted to bind together a diverse body of painting or graphic work. Fischer Fine Art, for example, have at the moment the third in a series of shows of gallery artists under the general heading of *The Figurative Approach*. This makes it sound a lot more coherent than it is. There are 22 artists, and almost as many different approaches (rather than merely personal differences of style) within the general understanding that they are all somehow interested in the representation of a recognizable physical reality.

Given that these days the avant garde of the super-realists and the extreme of academic conservatism may well be hardly distinguishable, it is still just about possible to work out where most of the artists here are coming from, if not necessarily where they are going to. John Ridgewell seems to be the basic conservative end of the spectrum, with his meticulous post-Pre-Raphaelite oils of trees and shrubs. Ben Johnson, who does enormous paintings of tiny details (like his *Shutter Latch*), and Brendan Neiland, who paints reflections of city scenes in glass doors and car bonnets and such, live at that hallucinatory point where superrealism goes over into surrealism. Somewhere in between there is a lot of evidence of the Polaroid as sketchbook, often to great effect, as in Michael Leonard's technically amazing, delicately erotic pencil drawings of a man dressing and undressing, or Joseph Piccillo's charcoal drawings, which even very near to are so like photographs that one does slightly wonder if the technique has not run away with the point.

Of the rest, Ron Boyd stands out with his faintly primitive studies of working-class life into which, in the pool paintings *especially, a touch of* Hockney seems to intrude from time to time—a smaller splash, perhaps? Another painter with a distinctive personal vision is Ray Kyte, who shows two paintings, from what might be an endless series. In one, presumably the second, we see a painting of a diver hanging on a wall above a radiator with a sock draped over it. Then in the third we see a room in which this second painting is hanging and, through a door, the first painting, radiator and sock. It is called, no doubt significantly, *The Story So Far*.

Elsewhere in the West End, there are interesting things to be picked out of other galleries' miscellanies. At the Fox Galleries, for instance, there is a rare opportunity to see three major oils by Bakst. Two of them are obviously connected with his theatrical work: a dark, richly coloured scene from *Scheherazade* with just the two figures against a boldly simplified evocation of the East, and a gorgeous stage setting of fairy-tale fantasy in luminous subaqueous greens and blues. The third is a beach scene with bathers and holidaymakers standing and reclining, all in hot reds and golds. The handling *of the paint is so fluent* and fluid one has the impression of seeing an instant watercolour sketch, except that it is an oil of relatively gigantic proportions. Clearly Bakst's talents, had he had the time or the inclination to develop them, could have carried him with distinction in a very different direction from the finely detailed theatrical designs for which he is most familiar.

At the Fine Art Society the most notable section of their summer show is a small one devoted to a group of small paintings by James Smetham. Smetham was a curious link between the Blake-Palmer circle and the Pre-Raphaelites, who liked and admired him—Rossetti so much so that when Smetham went mad leaving wife and children without support he retouched and completed a number of unfinished works to ready them for sale. It seems unlikely that any of those now on show were among these. One of them might be a deliberate illustration of Smetham's dictum. "There is something in great Nature, even in a donkey at twilight munching a thistle." Another, *Shepherds, is a Miltonic pastoral in* the direct succession of Palmer. Geoffrey Grigson, that great delighter in odd fish, once speculated that Smetham's best might belong to the best in English art of his time, and hoped to see more in order to confirm this. The chance has not yet arrived, but meanwhile here is a small contribution to the process of revaluation.

The Arts Council touring exhibition *The Mechanized Image*, now at Camden Arts Centre, and thence to Newcastle and Aberdeen, is—oh, word of fear—frankly educational. It is also actually educative, and very lively and enjoyable. Its purpose is to take us painlessly through the history of the graphic processes regularly in use *during the twentieth* century and show in all their variety the uses to which they are put by modern artists.

The show is categorized by types of graphic process: relief prints, like woodcuts, intaglio prints such as aquatints and mezzotints, lithography, colour processes including and taking off from these, and then the specifically twentieth-century developments like screenprinting and the various products of photo-technology. One of the most striking things to emerge from the show, in fact, is the extent to which photography has become accepted as a medium of graphic expression in itself and as an aid and constituent part of processes not primarily photographic in their ultimate effect. True, I did eavesdrop on a group of art students who were solemnly comparing notes on which works were "just photographs" and which were all right because they were "all hand done", but this is the kind of distinction the exhibition itself goes a long way to invalidate. Not to obscure: almost anyone will come out of it with a clearer idea of which technique is *which, which works how*, and how many diverse elements go into the creation of any single exhibited print.

But finally one loses all feeling that it matters to anyone except the artist whether a lithograph contains a fiddled-with photograph (as in some of John Piper's, for instance), or the work is just a photograph, like John Hilliard's *765 paper balls*, or the photograph is a representation of the work, like Lizzie Cox's photographs of *lithographed settings and costumes* for a performance or Christo's record of a packaged statue of Leonardo. It is all part of the astonishing range of modern graphic work, in which the oldest-established techniques like woodcut and etching can still yield up new uses and rub shoulders happily (sometimes within the same print) with computer print-outs and concrete poetry. Incidentally, though the catalogue is, like most such these days, fairly expensive (£2.50 at the exhibition) it is an integral part of the experience and worth every penny in information alone.

John Russell Taylor

Paco Pena
Sadler's Wells

Max Harrison

Flamenco works partially through unexpected, even incongruous, contrasts. For example the setting for the *Sandangos Rocieros*, which opened this performance by Paco Pena's Flamenco Company, could scarcely have been more drab, more improbable, for such music.

Against a black backcloth the standing singers and seated guitarists were ranged in sober suits; the only visual colour was provided, later, by the dresses of the women dancers, who seemed like pretty butterflies in a gathering of grey owls.

Needless to say, the music is not like that. That was clear from the fine *Soleares* danced by Margarita and Faiquillo de Cordoba, yet there is a strain of ascetisism in Flamenco which *survives despite* the music's extravagant gestures. That was apparent in the *Granadinas*, beautifully played by Paco Pena, where an inner, songlike simplicity almost was contradicted by the performance's sensuous arabesques.

Some Flamenco could almost be listened t owith the eyes closed. That seemed especially so with a remarkable virtuoso *Alegrias* danced later in the programme by Faiquillo de Cor*doba, most of the point of* which lay in the variety of accents made by the performer's stamping feet. Notable too was a *Seguiriyas*, danced by Loli Flores.

That, like the later *Tango de Malaga* from Magarita de Cordoba, was another virtuoso piece, with the smallest movements of the hands made with studied grace. There was some particularly incisive castanet playing in the *Seguiriyas*, also, but in connexion with that a complaint has to be made. Flamenco dancing contains fairly numerous dramatic pauses whose point is that they suddenly arrest the action with a moment of silence. Their effect is lost if, as repeatedly happened last night, though especially in the *Seguiriyas*, that carefully placed void is filled with applause.

But even more at the heart of Flamenco than dancing is singing, and I enjoyed most of the *Cante Jondo* of Manuel Soto.

Chicago SO/Solti
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Paul Griffiths

The Albert Hall resounded with its every echo to the Prom debut of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. I am not convinced that Tchaikovsky's *Pathétique* symphony should be quite such an exhilarating shot in the arm as they made it, but at least the performance left one in no doubt about what this virtuoso among orchestras can achieve. Sir Georg Solti, their musical director since 1969, tested them to the limits, and nowhere more than in his fiercely military step through the quick-march scherzo, whose brashness was given a crisp edge by the most exacting discipline.

As we know from their recordings, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra have many strengths, including a brilliant and versatile body of violins, a firm, true cello section and a resplendant brass ensemble. In this performance, however, the whole was certainly much greater than the sum of the *parts, for their most impressive* and valuable virtue was perfect togetherness, endangered only briefly at the start of the scherzo. Time and again their accuracy brought a fresh sound to the score, disclosing the mastery of variety with which it is orchestrated.

The Tchaikovsky symphony *was the curious partner for* Tippett's fourth, introduced by this orchestra almost a year ago and here receiving its British premiere. Tippett has described this single-movement work as a "birth-to-death piece". It includes sounds of breathing (electronically amplified, not represented by a wind machine as at the first performance) as well as quivering shakes which apparently were suggested by a film of early embryonic development. Further details of the programme, however, remain as hidden as those of the *Pathétique*, and we may be content to leave it that way.

For the work is truly a symphony and not a symphonic poem, a work bathed in the most exultant sounds of horns, tuned percussion and solo strings, yet a work which imposes itself as an argument in sound. It is a large work tightly *confined, sometimes sounding* like a cursory sketch for grander designs.

Some of the reviews on this page appeared in later editions of yesterday's newspaper.

Poppea
Kings Theatre

Stanley Sadie

The Zurich Opera completed their Monteverdi "cycle" with the last and most familiar of the surviving operas, *L'Incoronazione di Poppea*. Jean Pierre Ponnelle's production, and Nikolaus Harnoncourt's musical direction, followed the patterns set in the other two works. The unit setting, a courtyard with balconies, side staircases and a doorway at the back was identical with that of *Ulisse*, and we also had the pretty pastoral backcloth from *Orfeo*. The emphasis on the allegorical figures, who were beautifully clad in black, silver and white, formal dresses extended—taking a hint from the active presence of Amore in the closing scenes of Act II—to having the three prologue participants on stage most of the evening.

A pleasant conceit, perhaps, but scarcely a serious interpretation. To have Virtue, Fortune and Love sometimes watching, sometimes influencing the action, effectively undermines the force of human observation in what is one of the most refined, subtle and penetrating of librettos. As in *Orfeo* this procedure puts a certain distance between audience and action and makes it harder to take seriously the opera's real expressions of emotion. And that was made harder still by the constant stress on broad comedy. *Poppea* does have plenty of lightweight scenes, which need, and duly received, lively treatment; but to make part of Seneca's death scene into comedy is cheap and irresponsible. So is having the orchestra sneeze and yawn during the long Valletto scene. Another surprising and inappropriate feature *is* Mr Ponnelle's frequent requirements that his singers lie down, a position in which, as is well known, they do not always give of their best.

Mr Harnoncourt's arrangement of the score is very free, probably a good deal freer in terms of added counterpoints and accompaniments than, say, Raymond Leppard's; the fact that most of these are played on early instruments does not make them authentic, or plausible, or indeed anything other than warmly romantic in feeling. In the closing duet the voices are positively smothered by the new accompaniments.

Among the singers I would particularly mention Matti Salminen, a deep, noble Seneca and Alexander Oliver for his witty and well sung Arnalta. Rachael Yakar made an alert, opportunist Poppea, warm in her phrasing, and Eric Tappy's Nero was cleanly sung and sometimes eloquent

Festival Ballet
Festival Hall

John Percival

It was a ragbag programme that Festival Ballet gave at the Festival Hall, beginning and ending with minor works by good choreographers, and stuffing a group of assorted showpieces in between. Such discre*pant styles, too: you would* need very catholic, or else very undiscriminating, taste to enjoy them all.

With a few honourable exceptions, the standard of performance was also ragged. The dancers have had a hard season and are doubtless counting the days to their holiday, but this is not how the west was won.

Oddly enough, the orchestra was at its best in Arne Nordheim's tough modern score for *Greening*, which opened the bill, and played miserably in the less demanding music that followed, especially the Chabrier pieces for *Bourrée fantasque*.

Balanchine's choreography for *Bourrée fantasque* was quite well served by its three leading women: Manola Asensio witty in the first movement, Patricia Ruanne romantic in the second, and Vivien Loeber exuberant in the third. A pity that the slow middle movement is staged without any of the mystery it used to have. For that, Peter Farmer's hideously gaudy designs and the unatmospheric lighting by David Mohr must share some of the blame, but it looked to me as though the cast had not been coached right anyway, particularly Frederic Werner, who was far too jolly as the leading man.

Among the party pieces, *Corsair* was extravagantly brash and *Three Preludes* looked trivial even when danced with the flair Ruanne brought to it. Peter Schaufuss's solos in the *Flower Festival* duet were cheerfully buoyant, but Eva Evdokimova relied more on coy charm than on the sparkling accuracy she has brought to this number in the past. Later in the week there will be some changes of cast and I hope then to comment on *Greening*.

Edinburgh Festival

Ned Chaillet

Theatre suffered in the last, musical years of Peter Diamant's reign at the Edinburgh Festival, but his successor, John Drummond, has already shown a new willingness to cooperate with the more theatrical fringe and to pay more attention to the official theatre. The old complaint, that theatre stars will not commit themselves to a Festival two years in advance, *while musical stars will*, fades when one thinks of the successes and failures the Festival has had by commissioning writers and directors, such as Luca Ronconi and Athol Fugard.

A look at one company on the fringe, the theatre school from the University of Southern California, which managed to present 12 productions and 43 performers, might give a useful idea to Mr Drummond. The show that reviewers trekked out to see at Portobello Town Hall was *the British* premiere of Stephen Sondheim's *Follies*.

Sondheim believers went away refreshed by the exposure to some first-rate songs and dance music and the doubters found plenty to hate in the crushing banality of James Goldman's book. With *all* the *dramatic* potential of a generation of follies performers returning late in life to the theatre where they spent their youth, he settles for a ghostly re-enactment of two love affairs.

The best songs, and the best performances, went *to the* women in the company, with Linda McCulloch offering some outstanding dancing and a strong version of "I'm Still Here", and Margo Lee Upham nearly stopping the show with her performance of "The Story of Lucy and Jessie".

The National Student Theatre Company tried its hand at commissioning with K. W. Ross's *Oscar Wilde: A Savoy Opera*. The young Edinburgh playwright had some intriguing and complex ideas of contrasting the affair between Wilde and Lord Alfred Douglas with the difficult partnership of Gilbert and Sullivan. Using songs and quoting liberally from the writings of his characters, he managed some amusing and revealing scenes about morality and friendship, but it remains a sketchy idea in need of development.

Pallor Game, a harsh French comedy by Jean Bois, has been rather gingerly given a production in English by Tony Craven. *The story* of an absurd family living in a ruined Chateau has some strong points to make about masculine power, but Mr Craven has weakened them by casting the genial John Justin as the bullying patriarch.

Mr Justin is only too aware of the comedy of *his dictator*ship, chiding his homosexual son, spurning his balding wife and tormenting his ageing sister-in-law about her impact hymen. When all his demands settle on the new maid, who becomes his lover and displaces the rest of the family, his performance deepens, but it is Michelle Newel, in a marvellous performance as the maid, who provides the real depth.

The Seagull
Theatre Royal, Bristol

Irving Wardle

In spite of the off-stage contributions from owls, pigeons, and howling dogs, this is a markedly unatmospheric production which leaves you more impressed by Chekhov's craftsmanship than affected by his characters. The opening scene sets the tone. Here are Marya and Medvedenko prowling over John McMurray's decidedly prosaic lakeside set. How deftly the dialogue establishes the schoolmaster's hopeless attachment, and Marya's love for Konstantin; and how ironically it idealizes the Konstantin-Nina relationship. But as for the characters *themselves, all they invite* is wry amusement for a pair of egoists locked into a mutually destructive pattern.

Up to a point, perhaps this diagrammatic approach suits Chekhov's comic purposes; for again and again Richard Cot*trell's production secures smiles* of recognition and broad laughs by suspending human sympathy. The fun comes from seeing how these myopic creatures continually miss each other as if they are walking about blindfolded Patrick Drury's buoyant *Konstantin is entirely free from* any mark of death. Timothy Kightley crashes in as Shamrayev, glad-handing everybody in the room and immediately passing into a black rage when he is asked to supply horses.

What is decidedly un-*Chekhovian is the sexual dis*crimination that goes along with this approach. With few exceptions, Sorin's household consists of spinelessly defeated males and tough, selfish bullying women. I have never seen the torch-carrying Polina (June Barrie) dismissed as such an hysterical shrew, and her daughter Marya (Anna Nygh) is clearly going the same way.

Barbara Leigh-Hunt gives a commanding performance of Arkadina but it amounts to a *deadly study of a theatrical* monster with no redeeming features: even her gift for tending the sick turns out to be another means of winning compliments by playing a sentimental role. The show hits a *stumbling block with Nina*; and as I think that productions of this play stand or fall by their success with this intrusively melodramatic figure, it is frustrating to find Mary Rutherford playing her as an idealized ingénue.

Strong on jealousy and possessiveness, the production is short on physical passion, particularly in the Nina-Trigorin scenes. Richard Pasco's Trigorin suggests a middle-aged Konstantin: self-absorbed, lyrically indifferent, luxuriating in his own inadequacies; all of which make excellent sense when Arkadina calls him to heel but which disqualify him from pursuing an object of lust.

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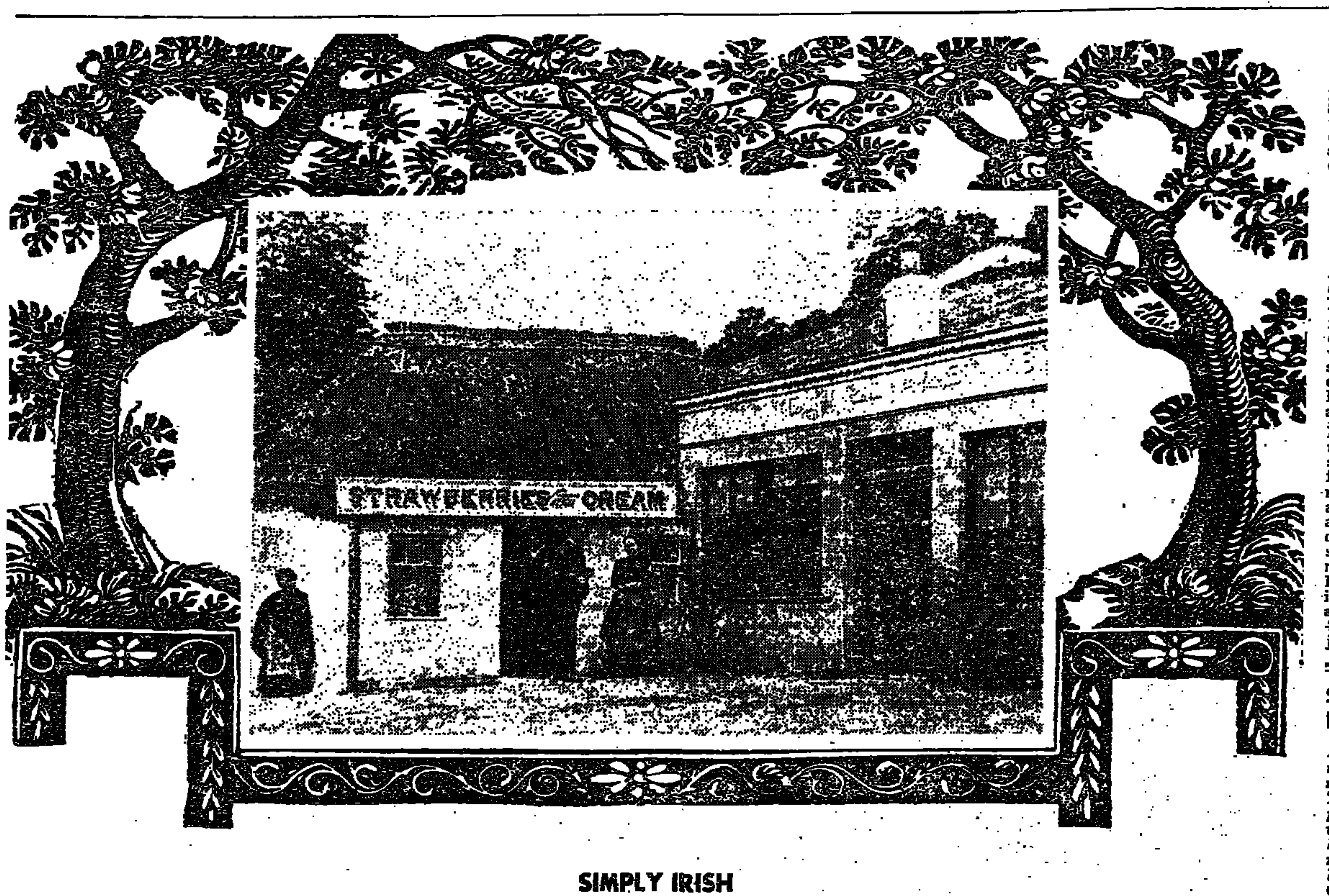


SIMPLY IRISH

Traditional tastes of Ireland by Theodora FitzGibbon

Fresh, wholesome and succulent food has been a tradition in Ireland for centuries, and happily this tradition still continues. The grazing is lush and extensive and the pollution level of its rivers, lakes and air is the lowest in Europe. The heather-covered hills of Kerry and Wicklow are the home of sturdy sheep who nibble at the young shoots, giving the meat a fine flavour. Hardly anywhere in Ireland is more than a few miles from a river or the sea and therefore from good fish. A sixth century analyst wrote of Ireland: "Fruitful were its river mouths . . . sweet and abundant the butter from its churns."

It is basically a simple cuisine using the fresh foods of the country: it has hardly changed since an anonymous poet wrote *The Hermit's Song* in the ninth century, when the hermit wished for:

"... I will choose and will not hide it;
Fragrant leek,
Hens, salmon, trout and bees."

Honey was not only used for sweet dishes but also with fish, meats and in drink. Salmon was cooked on a spit after being rubbed with salt, then basted with butter and honey, and the famous Limerick hams were cured with honey and smoked over oak shavings, and the juniper berries which grew freely in the county. In the ninth century tale *The Feast of Bricriu* the hero sings the praises of "... five score cakes of wheat, cooked in honey withal".

Brotchan roy

This is a traditional leek and oatmeal soup. For many centuries oatmeal, dairy produce and vegetables such as leeks were the staple diet of the monks. Legend has it that St Patrick tended a dying woman who said that she had seen a herb in the air, and would die unless she ate it. St Patrick said to her: "What is the semblance of the herb?" "Like rushes" said the woman. Patrick blessed the rushes so that they became leeks. The woman ate them afterwards, and was made whole at once.

Brotchán is the Irish for broth, and this soup made with young nettle tops was a favourite dish of the great St Colmcille.

6 large leeks; 1 heaped tablespoon butter; 1 tablespoon chopped parsley; optional, cream to garnish; 2 rounded tablespoons flake oatmeal; 2 pints milk, or half milk and half stock; salt and pepper.

Wash the leeks thoroughly to remove grit. The easiest way is to make a cross-cut at the green end and to stand them, green part downwards, in a deep jug of cold water. Leave on most of the green part and cut the leeks into chunks about 1in long. Heat up the liquid with the butter and, when boiling, add the oatmeal. Let it boil, then add the chopped leeks and season to taste. Put the lid on and simmer gently for about 40 minutes. Add half the parsley and boil for a few minutes.

Serve with the remaining parsley and a little cream if liked. Serves four.

For the Nettle Brotchán use about four cups of young nettle tops packed tightly. Wear gloves when picking and use scissors. Do not use nettle tops that are on road verges, for not only will they have absorbed petrol fumes but are liable to have been sprayed with chemicals.

Potato soup

Contrary to popular opinion the potato was not widely used as human food until early in the nineteenth century. Arthur Young in his book A Tour of Ireland (1780) *writes that the pigs were fed almost exclusively on potatoes, and an account written in 1834 says: "It was rare to see potatoes used in either farmer's or cottier's family from March 17 to the end of autumn. The entire crop of oats, and barley were consumed. Seldom was potatoes used at table unless during the winter or close season of the year and this at dinner only."*

2 lb potatoes; 2 heaped tablespoons butter; ½ pint single cream; chopped chives or parsley; 3 pints half milk and stock, or water; 2 medium sized onions; 6 rashers streaky bacon, crisply fried; salt and pepper.

Melt the butter in a large saucepan, add the sliced and peeled onions and cook gently. Do not let them brown. Add the peeled and sliced potatoes, season to taste then pour over the milk and stock. Cover and cook gently for about an hour. Then either sieve or liquidize. Put back into a clean saucepan. Then fry the bacon until crisp and crush into small pieces. Add the cream to the soup, heat but do not reboil and serve with the bacon and chopped parsley or chives as a garnish. Serves six.

Additional garnishes are chopped Dublin Bay prawns; small dice of chicken, tongue or ham.

Herrings potted in Guinness

Mackerel are also very good done this way.

4 filleted, fresh herrings or mackerel; ¼ pint Guinness, draught for preference; ¼ pint white malt vinegar; pinch of salt and sugar; 1 medium onion sliced into rings; 1 bay leaf; 4 cloves; 6 each, white and black peppercorns.

Roll up the filleted fish from the tail end and put side by side, edges downward, into a fireproof dish. Slice the onion rings over and add the herbs and spices. Mix the Guinness and vinegar together and pour over, then cover and cook in a slow oven, 300°F, 150°C, gas mark 2, for about 45 minutes. Leave to cool then refrigerate if desired, and serve cold with a little of the juice. If left for 48 hours the liquid will be jellied. Serves two or four.

Salmon steaks with hazelnut butter

Ireland is famous for her salmon, both fresh and smoked. A remarkable spectacle of Galway Town is to see the salmon, packed like sardines, lying in the shallows under Salmon Weir bridge during the season. Salmon features in myth and legend, notably Fionn MacCamaill (Finn MacCool) the salmon which had eaten the hazelnuts from the Tree of Knowledge thus gave knowledge to the first person who tasted the fish when cooked, who was Finn MacCool. This recipe links the past with the present.

4 salmon steaks or a tail-end; 2 tablespoons butter; pepper and salt; 1oz grilled and crushed hazelnuts; a little lemon juice; 1 lemon.

Line the grilling pan with foil and then rub it with butter quite thickly and put under a hot grill for about one minute or until the butter is melted (but not browned) and the foil is hot. Then remove and rub the salmon steaks on both sides in the butter. Season a little and grill for about 7-10 minutes without turning, but basting from time to time with the butter until they are just slightly golden brown on top. The fish is ready when it has shrunk away from the bone slightly.

Meanwhile, or even earlier, mash the remaining butter with the ground hazelnuts and a little lemonjuice and shape into pats, then chill and serve one on top of each salmon steak with a wedge of lemon. Serves four.

Sea or salmon trout can be served the same way, and if under 2lb in weight it can be grilled whole, then skinned before serving with the hazelnut butter.

Cured salmon or salmon trout

This is like the Scandinavian Gravlax and quite delicious.

Cut the salmon down the middle so that you have two flat fillets. Take off the head, tail and the backbone. Put the halves, skin side down, on a big dish and rub all over with a level tablespoon salt and leave in a cool place for 24 hours. The next day pat the excess moisture off and rub well all over with olive oil. Continue this process, ie, salt and oil, for the next two days, then use the olive oil and about 2 tablespoons brown sugar and a very little Irish whiskey. Leave overnight again, then shake it dry and hang in a current of air to dry off a little. Then it is ready to slice thinly like smoked salmon and serve with brown bread. It will keep for about 3-4 days in the refrigerator.

For a 4lb salmon, the quantities are approximately; 2 tablespoons salt; 1½ tablespoons brown sugar; ¼ pint olive oil; 1 tablespoon Irish whiskey.

Irish stew

This is known all over the western world and is usually made very badly. It should be thick and creamy, not swimming in juice, and the addition of carrots, turnips or even pearl barley is not traditional and spoils the pure flavour. Originally it was made with kid or mutton, for no farmer would be so foolhardy as to use his lambs for it.

3lb best end of neck chops, trimmed of fat and bone; 2lb potatoes, sliced; 1lb onions, sliced; 1 tablespoon chopped parsley and thyme mixed; approx. 1 pint water or stock; salt and pepper.

To make the best Irish stew, first debone the meat and put the bones on, covered with water and a little salt and pepper, to boil gently for about half an hour. Then strain and chill so that any fat can be removed from the top.

Cut the meat into fairly large pieces, peel and slice the potatoes and onions. Put a layer of potatoes in a pot, then herbs, then meat and finally onion, seasoning each layer well. Repeat this once more, finishing with a thick layer of potatoes. Pour the liquid over, cover with greased foil, then a lid and either bake in a slow oven 250°F, 130°C, gas mark ½, or simmer gently on top of the stove, shaking from time to time to avoid sticking, for about two hours. Add a very little more liquid if it seems to be running dry. Serves about four.

Dublin coddle

A favourite of Dean Swift's, this is made the same way as Irish stew except that lean rashers of bacon and sausages are used, the meats being first boiled for about five minutes before cooking. It is served with soda bread and glasses of Guinness.

Beef braised with Guinness

Originally porter was used for this stew, but it is difficult to get now

2lb boned stewing steak; 1 large onion; ½lb carrots; 3 bay leaves; 2 tablespoons flour; 2 tablespoons oil; 1 tablespoon chopped parsley; ¼ pint Guinness and ¼ pint water; salt and pepper; *optional garnish*: 16 soaked, stoned prunes stuffed with hazelnuts.

Trim the meat and cut into convenient serving pieces, but do not make them too small. Heat the oil and put in the bay leaves and let them crackle a little, then add the meat and quickly fry it on both sides. Then put into a casserole and remove the bay leaves, but add the sliced onion and let it soften, but not colour. Sprinkle the flour over and let it brown, then add the Guinness and water. Let it bubble up and thicken and add the meat and season to taste. Put into the casserole with the sliced carrots and parsley, put the lid on and braise in a slow to moderate oven 275 F-300 F 140 C-150 C gas mark 1-2 for about two hours. Stir it once during cooking and add a little more liquid if necessary.

In the *nineteenth century* the stuffed prunes were added about half an hour before the meat was ready and they do make a very good garnish. Serves four.

Colcannon

This Colcannon is traditional at Hallowe'en or All Hallow's Day, October 31, and a ring is often put in at that time, the person who gets it being the first to get married. Correctly it is made with kale, but cabbage is often used.

1 lb each kale or cabbage and potatoes, cooked separately; 2 small leeks or green onion tops; 1 cup milk or single cream; approx 4 oz butter; salt, pepper and a pinch mace or nutmeg

Strip the kale or cabbage from the stalks and chop finely, then cook, drain and sieve or liquidize. Cook and mash the potatoes, chop the leeks or onions and cook them in the milk until they are soft. Season all the vegetables, combine the potatoes and kale, then add the leeks and milk and beat to a purée. Do this over a low flame until it is a green fluff. Put into a warmed dish and make a well in the centre then pour in the butter, melted. The idea is to eat the dry vegetables with the melted butter. Serves about six. It is very good with any of the pork family.

Any leftovers can be fried up and served with sausages or bacon rashers. It should be fried on both sides until golden brown, and crisp on the outside.

Champ

This Champ is also traditional, particularly in the northern counties. It is the same idea but the cabbage or kale is omitted. Instead of leeks, chopped parsley, chives, young nettle tops and peas can be added to the potato.

Potato cakes

"*... While I live I shall not forget her potato cakes. They came in hot, and hot from the pot oven, they were speckled with caraway seeds, they swam in salt butter, and we ate them shamelessly and greasily, and washed them down with hot whiskey and water*" The Holy Island. Experiences of an Irish RM, E. O. Somerville and M. Ross.

2 cups self raising flour; 2 heaped tablespoons butter or bacon fat; 1½ cups mashed potato, freshly made; ¼ cup milk; 2 teaspoons caraway seeds (optional); salt.

Mix the butter with the flour and add a good pinch of salt. Then mix in the cooled mashed potato and pour in enough milk to make a soft, but not slack dough. Roll out onto a floured board and cut into rounds about 3in across. Sprinkle a few seeds of caraway on top of each cake and bake on a greased baking sheet in a hot oven 400°F 200°C gas 6 for about 20-30 minutes. Eat them hot, split across and spread with butter. This dough can also be used to line a savoury flan. Makes about nine cakes.

Soda bread

Perhaps the most traditional food in Ireland today and still baked daily in countless houses and hotels. The brown "cake" is the most popular.

12oz stoneground wholemeal flour; 8oz plain white flour; 1 teaspoon each: salt and sugar; 2 level teaspoons each: bicarbonate soda and Bextartar; 1 egg; approximately ¾ pint sour milk, buttermilk or ½ pint plain yogurt and ½ pint water.

Mix all dry ingredients together, then add the beaten egg and finally enough sour milk or alternative, to make a soft but not too slack dough. Turn out on to a lightly floured board or table and knead for a few minutes until it is smooth. Divide into two parts and shape into a flattened round, then cut quite deeply (about ½ inch) into the top to make a cross. This is to allow the rising agent to work. Or put the mixture into a greased loaf tin if preferred. Bake for 40-60 minutes in an oven preheated at 375°F, 190°C, gas mark 5. To test, insert a thin skewer into the centre before removing from the oven. Wrap in a tea-towel while warm to keep the crust soft. Leave for about 4-6 hours to ensure easier cutting.

Originally it was baked in a large black pot, known as a Bastable oven, over glowing turf sods, with hot ones put on top of the pot to give even heat. Because of this, in parts of West Cork and Limerick it is called a Bastable cake.

Barm brack

This is also traditional at Hallowe'en (with a ring inserted as in Colcannon) but used as a tea-bread throughout the year. Sometimes it is made with yeast, but the following makes three good loaves (for tin size 8in x 4in x 3in). This is my grandmother's recipe, and her whiskey bracks were popular.

1lb sultanas; 1lb brown sugar; 1lb raisins; 3 cups milk-less tea or ½ tea and ½ Irish whiskey. Soak the fruit and sugar in the tea overnight. The next day add alternately: 1lb plain flour and 3 beaten eggs.

Finally, add three level teaspoons baking powder and, if a spiced brack is liked, then add three teaspoons mixed spices. Turn into three greased loaf tins (size above) and bake for 1½ hours at 325°F, 170°C, gas mark 3. When cool brush with melted honey to glaze.

Honey mousse

Ireland is famous for the excellence of its honey, noted since ancient times.

1lb honey; 4 separated eggs

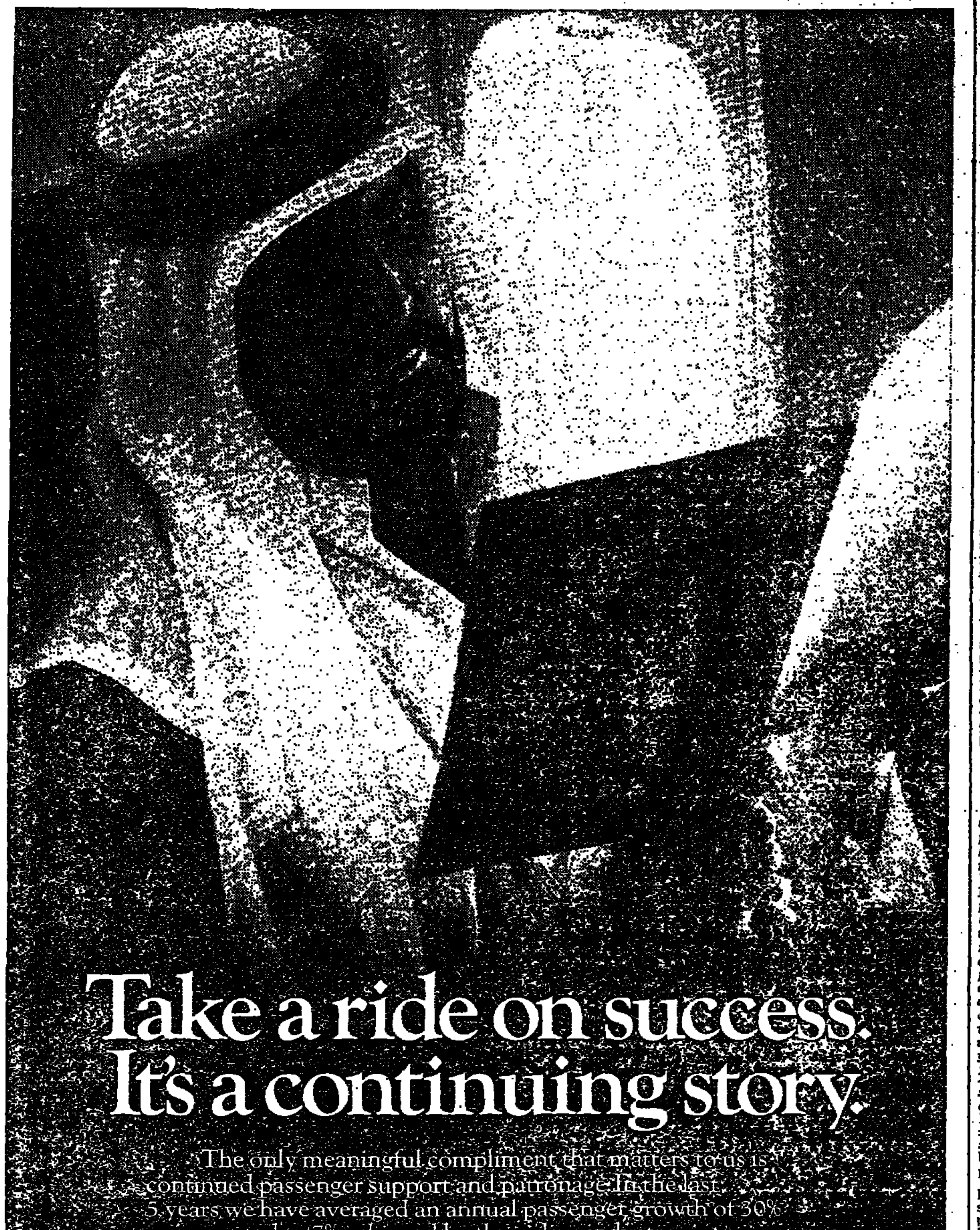
Separate the whites from the yolks of the eggs, then mix the yolks with the warmed, liquid honey. Cook over a low heat (or in a double boiler), stirring all the time until the mixture thickens like a custard. Remove from the heat and let it cool. Whisk the egg whites until stiff and fold into the mixture. Pour into individual dishes and serve cold. Serves four.

Irish Mist souffle

This is made with Irish Mist, a liqueur made with herbs, honey and whiskey.

6 eggs; 6oz castor sugar; ¼ pint strong black coffee; 2 tablespoons powdered gelatine; 3 tablespoons Irish Mist liqueur; ½ pint double cream.

Separate the whites from the yolks and put the sugar into a bowl with the egg yolks and beat together. Dissolve the gelatine in the hot coffee, add to the yolks and beat well over a saucepan of boiling water until the mixture thickens slightly. Then put in the liqueur and beat until thick. Take from the heat, cool and stir over ice until it is on the point of setting, then add the whipped cream. Finally stir in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into a 6in soufflé dish which has a paper collar 3in high tied around it. Chill until cold and remove collar before serving. Garnish with whipped cream before serving. Serves six.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ly's retail sales boom in High Street grew consider- faster than at first rea- l, according to figures the Department of Trade.

w estimates now suggest in the three months to the of July the volume of il sales was growing at a of 10.4 per cent, if con- ed to an annual figure.

July the index of retail stood at 111.4 compared the first estimate of 110.5. er the three months to durable goods stores had best performance, with sales 5 per cent in that three- th period alone.

her business did rather well. Clothing and foot- r sales were up 2 per cent the broad category of es which include department es was up 3 per cent.

ly's increase was particu- sharp; there was an in- se of 2½ per cent in that th alone. Much of that in- se was caused by the pub- splashing out with their tax ates which went into pay kets during that month.

the first seven months of year, retail sales were on rage 4 per cent up in me on their level in the seven months of 1977. In e terms, which does not ove the effect of inflation, increase was 14 per cent.

rivate consumption is heav- influenced by retail spend- and the consumer boom been the one element of strength in the economy's very this year.

the credit sale side, however, July saw a slight slowdown in the total amount of new credit extended. Retailers extended new credit totalling £245m, up £28m on the preceding month, but finance house credit fell £29m to £213m.

The overall effect was to reduce new credit extended to £458m from £459m. In the three months to the end of July the total amount outstanding to retailers went up £40m and to finance houses £201m.

RETAIL SALES

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

	Sales by volume 1971 = 100	Percentage change latest 3 months on previous 3 months at annual rate	New credit extd £m
1977			
July	104.8	2.8	360
Aug	104.7	5.9	402
Sept	103.5	7.2	387
Oct	102.7	1.0	378
Nov	103.1	—3.0	401
Dec	106.9	—0.4	410
1978			
Jan	104.9	5.3	429
Feb	106.8	12.6	418
March	107.0	7.5	413
April	106.7	7.3	463
May	108.4	4.5	471
June r	108.7	6.7	459
July r	111.4	10.5	458

S airlines accused f 'merger panic'

ashington, Sept 5.— erica's Justice Department worried about what a top cial called "merger panic" he airline industry.

a brief statement, the artment's anti-trust division it planned to intervene in ee merger cases now pend- before the Civil Aeronautics rd (CAB).

he statement said the artment was "concerned ut the possible anti- petitive effects of the cur- t airline merger movement", it did not take a position the merits of any of the posed combinations.

he three merger proposals ding before the CAB involve peting bids by Texas Inter- ional Airlines and Pan erican World Airways to uire National Airlines, and planned merger of Southern ways into North Central lines.

nother merger that may be re the department soon is proposed between Contin- al Airlines and Western Air- s.

addition, representatives me other unidentified major ine recently discussed with tice Department lawyers ther proposed combination, ording to Mr John Shene- d, the department's anti- st chief.

Ir Shenefield said that the rger wave showed signs of a anic". He said there were "indications of tremors all around" the industry, as airlines rushed to frame their own plans for combinations.

"Any executive who is looking at his competitors . . . has got to at least consider merger as an alternative strategy", Mr Shenefield said.

He added that his initial view was "scepticism on the need for the mergers". Some of the reasons advanced by airlines seeking merger approval—including expected difficulties in *the new climate of deregulation* and aircraft shortages—"don't seem credible".

Mr Shenefield said he was also worried that the mergers could *reduce the competitive* benefits of the moves towards deregulation by the CAB, which were intended to increase competition.

"It would be ironic if the dawn of the new era were, in fact, to produce a merger wave reducing the number of competitors and the amount of competition." The CAB had expressed similar concerns.

He did not commit the anti-trust division to opposing the mergers, but he said that the division's attitude "is that those who would merge have a burden of proof" that the combination would not reduce competition.

He said he hoped the division *would be able to indicate its position* to the CAB and to the airlines by the end of this month.—AP-Dow Jones.

EB-Plessey talks off

Christopher Wilkins

alks between Plessey and National Enterprise Board the possible involvement of NEB in Plessey's micro- tronics interests have ken down.

arlier this year Plessey roached the NEB and asked o consider investing a sub- tial sum, possibly as much 30m to £50m, to develop its grated circuits business. terday, however, Mr Peter shall, Plessey's finance ctor, confirmed that nothing emerged from the talks.

ne of the possibilities put vard by Plessey was that the NEB should take an equity stake, but Mr Marshall emphasized that the talks only ever amounted to preliminary explorations.

Plessey is now concentrating on talks with the Department of Industry about its recently announced £70m aid scheme for the micro-electronics industry.

Mr Marshall pointed out that Plessey's interests in microprocessors would not have conflicted with those of Inmos—the new company into which the NEB is injecting £50m over the next five years.

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oT advised to ind up canal rrying group

Our Financial Staff

he Department of Trade has advised by two of its ectors to use its powers er Section 35(1) of the Com- es Act to present a petition the winding up of the Birm- am and Midland Canal rying Company, a small lic group.

a report on the group pub- ed yesterday, the inspectors, ointed as a result of an lication from four leading eholders in 1976, state that company has been insolvent e 1967.

hey add that Mr Charles ony Waller and Mr Graham n Townsend, the two direc- , were not motivated by rtly dishonest motives but wed their enthusiasm for als and canal boats to over- commercial considerations.

he company was shown in 5 to have assets of £1,330 liabilities of £22,804.

NFU looking at idea of accepting less on produce in persistent surplus

Farm policy change near on prices

By Hugh Clayton

The National Farmers' Union is preparing for the first time to accept the principle of cuts in real terms in common EEC prices for foods that have persistent surpluses. Such a move would antagonize farmers in other EEC countries and would be adopted only in return for changes that would benefit producers in Britain.

Sir Henry Plumb, president of the union, said in an interview at its London headquarters: "I think that is where we have got to be looking." Asked if he accepted that rises in common prices of surplus produce should be kept lower than increases in the cost of production, he repied: "To be realistic, yes."

Mr John Malcolm, deputy director of the economic division of the union, said later: "We are edging towards a new policy." The new approach is being organized in time for the start of the new negotiating season in Brussels and for a private conference which it is to hold with the National Consumer Council on September 25.

A change in policy will add to disagreement in Copa, the EEC federation of farming unions, of which Sir Henry is a past president. It will come after three years of sustained complaints about high EEC *food prices from British ministers*, food processors and consumer groups.

The union insists that its move should not be seen as a *surrender, but as a side-effect* of its central campaign to eliminate obstacles to trade imposed by the distortions of "green currencies" and of the levies and subsidies associated with them.

"What we have got to do is to close the green pound gap", Sir Henry said. "It does mean that there has got to be give on the part of those countries where monetary compensatory amounts (MCA) are going in the opposite direction to ours. By making these adjustments we should see a hardening of the market here and give us a greater incentive to produce more at home."

The amounts are subsidies which are meant to enable farmers and processors in countries with strong currencies *and high farm prices to* trade on equal terms in Britain with low-priced British output.

"The gap, which is now 27 per cent, is an intolerable *burden for us, and one which* no other industry could survive", Sir Henry said. "The Germans are gaining by the MCA arrangements by something over 7 per cent and we are losing by 27 per cent. I would expect them to give half of what they have got for us to come closer to, say, the Italian level."

A cautious appeal for restraint in EEC farm price rises was made in London yesterday by the Commission des Industries Agricoles et Alimentaires the Community federation of national bodies which represent food processors. It said that the difficulties of small and uneconomic farms should be solved by social grants and not simply by raising farm prices to cover the needs of *the least economic farmer*.

Mr Jasper Grinling, president of the commission and a consultant with Grand Metropolitan, said: "*My instinct is* that if hundreds of plums are falling off the trees they should be cheaper than in years when they are scarce". Processors wanted their needs to be given as much attention in Brussels as those of farmers. "That is the reason for this whiff of grapeshot", Mr Grinling said.

Peace offer to strikers at Chrysler

By Donald Macintyre

Chrysler's 2,500 workers in its commercial vehicles division who have been on strike since the end of last week will be recommended to return to work on Monday after peace talks last night between the company, senior union officials and shop stewards.

The workers, most of whom are in the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, walked out in support of their claim for parity with their colleagues employed by Chrysler in the Midlands.

Mr Terence Duffy, president-elect of the AUEW, said the formula agreed last night, which will be put to a meeting of the workers at the Dunstable and Luton plants tomorrow, provides for moves towards a new wages structure which would make adequate provision for differentials.

Union leaders to meet after Peugeot rebuff

Union leaders representing 23,000 Chrysler UK workers will meet in Brighton tomorrow after Peugeot-Citroën rebuffed an international *union request for talks on the* planned company takeover.

The International Metal Workers' Federation has sent a telegram to representatives of *British affiliates in Brighton* saying that there had been no positive response to its urgent request for a meeting sent to Peugeot-Citroën last week.

The federation meeting attended by senior representatives of five British unions warned at a meeting in Geneva of possible industrial action *across national boundaries* if large-scale job cuts were threatened by the French combine's takeover.

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Further setback for Peachey on sale of £10m Park West lease

By Ray Maughan

Peachey Property Corporation alleged yesterday that it had not received sufficient information from the prospective purchaser of its Park West residential block to obtain a licence to assign from the freeholders, the Church Commissioners for England.

The group announced the sale had not been completed but that it intended to retain the 10 per cent deposit put down by Mr Mubarak Al-Hassawi, the wealthy Kuwaiti businessman who had been negotiating to acquire the lease for £9.9m. Solicitors acting for Mr Al-Hassawi have already applied for the return of the deposit.

In the High Court last July, Peachey failed in its attempt to show that the Commissioners had acted unreasonably in *withholding their consent to* the assignment for the lease.

The attempt failed because the company set up in Liechtenstein to acquire the remaining 117 years of the lease did not exist at that time and information as to its incorporation, its directors and its capital could not be given to the landlords.

A spokesman for the Commissioners said yesterday that they had unavailingly sought assurances from the prospective assignee in relation to the maintenance of covenants within the lease and in view of the particular responsibility of landlords towards tenants in a residential block it was felt that it would not be safe for the assignee to be based in Liechtenstein.

Mr John Brown, managing director, hoped that Peachey would be able to complete a sale to one of several other "actively interested" parties before the end of the year but stressed that discussions with Mr Mubarak Al-Hassawi had been more intense after the High Court decision than before and that "all parties knew what was necessary to satisfy the Commissioners".

The failure to provide the required information was regarded "as a breach of contract by the purchaser", he added, and Peachey would thus retain the deposit. Mr Al-Hassawi's solicitors will take proceedings if the deposit is not returned, and contend that the contract had been rescinded since Peachey had not completed within the 28 day limit set

Cammell Laird yards face heavy labour cutback

By John Huxley

Large-scale labour cuts at Cammell Laird's shipyards at Birkenhead on the Mersey appear unavoidable.

Last night British Shipbuilders denied suggestions that there were immediate plans to make about 1,500 workers redundant. However, the state concern admitted that discussions were taking place between BS and Cammell Laird. No final decisions had been reached.

A statement said: "It is no secret that shipbuilding work is running out at a number of *our yards, including Cammell Laird*. An intense marketing drive is being conducted, but there is very strong international competition.

"It is, therefore, difficult to see how all our yards can come through this crisis unscathed."

The Government has spent more than £30m at Cammell Laird on a factory where ships can be built under cover. The present workforce, including staff, is about 5,000.

Six ships, two of them guided missile destroyers, are under construction at the yards.

New orders are being sought, but with no great optimism. *British Shipbuilders* has made 150 inquiries in 30 countries, but recent figures show that in the second quarter of this year, new orders were less than 1 per cent of work actually completed.

Although it would be dangerous to read too much into one quarter's figures, they *do indicate the difficulties* being faced by world shipbuilders.

A Cammell Laird spokesman said there had been no talks between management and unions on redundancies.

Eight weeks ago Mr Tony Smith, managing director of the yard, admitted that unless work started to come in there would have to be lay-offs.

BICC pays back £3m to Post Office

By Our Financial Staff

BICC, the leading United Kingdom wire and cable group, is understood to have paid back more than £3m to the Post Office in respect of cable contracts handled by the group between 1963 and 1974.

Earlier this year BICC, together with Pirelli General, Standard Telephones and Cables and a GEC subsidiary, Telephone Cables, agreed to pay the Post Office a total of £9m after they admitted operating a price-ring for more than 10 years.

A BICC spokesman yesterday refused to reveal the actual compensation figure but stated that it had been fully provided for in the group's interim results reported yesterday.

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New aero engine contract strengthens Rolls-Royce's involvement in China

China has contracted Rolls-Royce to help modernize its aero engine industry, Sir Peter Thornton, a Rolls-Royce director, said yesterday.

The project will be in addition to a present contract under which the company is *helping the Chinese produce* Spey engines.

The total value of the project, including related orders for machine tools and other items, *could be more than the* £80m of the present contract, Sir Peter said.

He recently visited China as a member of a British trade mission *led by Mr Edmund* Dell, Secretary of State for Trade.

Finance for the contract had not yet been discussed but he hoped that Hill Samuel, of which he is a director, would be involved in helping the Chinese to pay for both the Rolls-Royce and related orders.

Under the contract currently being negotiated, China would build a factory, probably to make Spey engines, and Rolls-Royce would give advice on requirements and any other assistance needed.

The Spey engine, on which Rolls-Royce was also engaged, met China's aviation requirements at present and could be put to wider use, for example in gas pumping and power generation, Sir Peter said.

The Chinese were not interested *simply in buying equipment*; they were prepared to buy it provided they could also learn the technology involved. Opportunities for business with *China were promising*, and its doctrinal objections to the open pansion had been withdrawn.

The credit method most recently under negotiation with some British banks, that of deposits placed with the Bank of China, probably would be replaced by full buyer credit arrangements.

The United Kingdom's Export Credits Guarantee Department was discussing a form of buyer credit agreement with the Bank of China. Until agreement had been reached, the deposit method would remain, but most likely as an interim measure.

As a Hill Samuel director, Sir Peter said he had had talks with the Bank of China to discuss the kinds of credit arrangements which might be made when a suitable British export contract needed finance.

Sir Peter Thornton: opportunities in China very promising.

Bank figures point to a slowing in the growth of money supply

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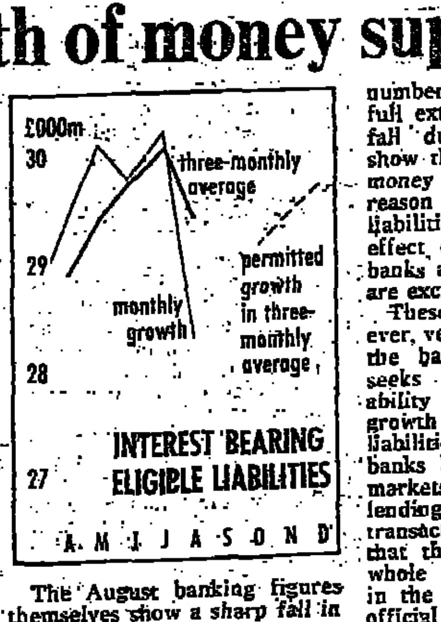
in the rate of monetary growth—will simply plunge the economy into recession.

It seems unlikely, however, that the Government will be undershooting its 8-12 per cent target for any great length of time. The banking "corset", which is central to the present restraining measures, will be slightly loosened in the second half of the financial year, while the Government's own contribution to monetary growth will probably be on a rising trend over the coming months.

This means that the monetary authorities will probably not want to see any significant fall in interest rates for some time yet, particularly while the possibility remains that interest rates could rise still further in the United States.



The August banking figures themselves show a *sharp fall in* the eligible liabilities—essentially the sterling deposits—of the banking system. For a number of reasons, however, the full extent of this 3.6 per cent fall during August will not show through in an equivalent *money supply* fall. A *major* reason is that the fall in eligible liabilities largely reflects the effect of transactions between banks and discount houses that *are excluded from sterling M3.*

These transactions are, however, very important in terms of the banking "corset", which seeks to restrain the banks' ability to lend by curbing growth in the interest-eligible liabilities—or the money that banks bid in from the money markets to finance additional lending. The result of these transactions during August is that the banking system as a whole is now moving firmly in the right direction to meet official "corset" limits by mid-October.

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More opposition to Pearson offer

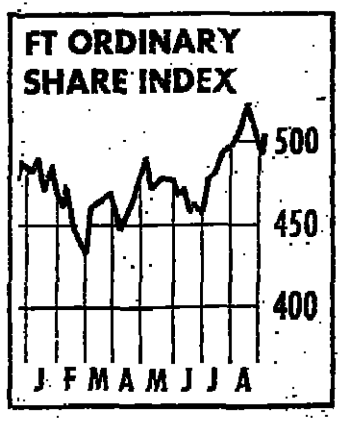
The John James Group of Companies has directed that its proxies should vote against the offer by S. Pearson & Son for both classes of Pearson Longman preference shares.

The investment trust holds 32.9 per cent of the 5¼ per cent preference and 36.7 per cent of the 7 per cent preference capital, for which S. Pearson is making cash offers of 60p and 80p per preference share respectively.

The equity offer is to be opposed by certain institutional *holders, but the scheme to buy* out the outstanding 36.4 per cent of Pearson Longman is not dependent on the approval of the preference shareholders.

More price inquiries

Prices, costs and margins in the metal doors and metal framed windows and doors industries are to be investigated by the Price Commission.



FT ORDINARY SHARE INDEX

Rally takes share index above 500

By Alison Mitchell

Some £1,200m was added to share prices yesterday as a *technical rally* gave the stock market its best day for more than 10 months.

The *FT* Ordinary share index, which had lost 20 points during *the previous five sessions*, bounced back through the 500 level, helped on its way by favourable banking figures and some better than expected trading news. After climbing 11.9 at one stage, the index ended the day at 503.5, showing a net gain of 10.1.

Although buying was not large, *the feeling on Monday* night that the market was looking over-sold had institutions and pension funds queueing up with orders as the market opened.

Few feel that the index will trade out of the 480-520 range in the short term, but opinion is split on what will happen today.

Gilt-edged securities had a better session, aided by the banking figures. At the shorter end, stocks immediately gained three-eighths on an initially strong demand.

Longs, however, had their improvement contained to around a quarter, as rising American *interest rates* continue to cast a shadow over this end of the British Fund market.

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Election doubts unsettle pound

By Our Economics Staff

Sterling fell slightly on the foreign exchanges yesterday amid uncertainty about the timing of a General Election.

Some official intervention in forward markets may have taken place to support the pound. It closed 40 points down on the day against the dollar at 1.9425.

But the effective rate index, measured against a basket of currencies, was unchanged at 62.3 per cent of its end 1971 value.

The dollar dropped against most currencies in the morning and on New York sales in *the early afternoon. However*, it then recovered to close little changed from Monday.

Against the Swiss franc the dollar fluctuated widely, falling to 1.59 Swiss francs at one stage before closing 1.8 centimes up on the day at 1.62 Swiss francs.

Dealers remain pessimistic about the United States currency.

Growth in benefits beyond the fringe

John Betjeman's clean-cuffed young executive of popular verse may have been content with a company Cortina, but management today expects—and increasingly receives—many more fringe benefits.

As cash differentials have been eroded by successive waves of pay restraint, perks, as they are called by those who do not receive them, have begun to fill, or more accurately widen, the gap.

Who gets what depends on, and to some extent determines, status and salary. Subsidized sports, social and meal facilities generally apply to all workers, and are traditional features of more paternalistic companies.

However, the real growth, according to a survey published *today by Incomes Data Services*, has been in those "employee benefits" restricted to "staff, senior staff or just management". [*IDS Study: Staff Benefits*, Incomes Data Services, 140 Great Portland Street, London W1.]

The survey shows that a growing number of companies are *offering life assurance, medical* insurance, company cars, cheap personal loans—especially for season tickets. The more ingenious have formed company education trusts to assist the further education of employees' children.

The precise terms of the benefits vary considerably.

J. C. Bamford Excavators, the survey says, has an accident insurance policy which provides a lump sum of £1,000 on death—but only £250 if death occurred in a motorcycle accident.

Another, unnamed, company has a scheme which limits its liability to pay when injuries are caused by "war, declared or otherwise" between the United Kingdom, France, Russia and the United States.

Staff at Hambro Life are eligible for interest-free loans to buy season tickets—provided they have six months' service and they spend at least £100 on travel a year. Staff at Prudential Assurance, however, pay 8 per cent a year interest on loans for season tickets.

An earlier report by the Alfred Marks Bureau estimated that fringe benefits have *grown large enough* to account for about 40 per cent of the total payroll for office staff. Their true worth to giver and receiver is difficult to establish.

In general, companies give benefits "because it is expected" and "because it is necessary". Because of tax legislation, benefits may be more *cost effective and less* disruptive than offering larger salaries than those already paid within a company.

Some costs/benefits are quantifiable. Luncheon vouchers, for instance. But how does one assess the saving in money terms of providing subsidized canteen facilities?

The report suggests:—"Benefit probably accrues to the company by way of a better fed and contented workforce."

John Huxley

Norway's test well in 'gold block' successful

Oslo, Sept 5.—The Norwegian Statoil Company reported today the successful completion of drilling the first test well at the so-called 34/10 "gold block" *in the North Sea.*

It said several tests were conducted in sandstone of the Jurassic age and the best tests produced some 6,600 barrels of crude oil per day.

Statoil said the well was drilled to a total depth of 2,462 metres and the water depth at the site was 138 metres.

Additional exploration drilling was necessary in order to determine whether the find could be considered for commercial production.

Great expectations have been placed on this block and the drilling rig "Ross rig", which drilled the first well, has already been assigned to drill a second separate well at the structure.

The block is located some 180 kilometres west of the Norwegian Sogne Fiord, western Norway, and next to the Norwegian Statfjord and the British Brent fields.

Statoil is operator and 85 per *cent participant in this* block and Norsk Hydro and Saga Petroleum are the two other participants with 9 per cent and 6 per cent participation.

The first test well yielded more than one million litres of heavy crude oil, or more than 1,000 tons, per day.

Mr Arve Johnsen, director of Statoil, said that a third test well would be drilled early next year after completion of the second test well this autumn.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 221.02+4.66
The FT index: 503.5+10.1

Rises

Anglo Am Coal	15p to 690p	ERF Hldgs	8p to 126p
BET dfd	7p to 110p	Gt Univ Stores	12p to 316p
BICC	9p to 131p	Halma	4p to 44p
BP	18p to 894p	Heath C. E.	14p to 275p
Brentnall Beard	4p to 36p	Plessey	5p to 105p
Brown J.	12p to 468p	Sedg Forbes	10p to 465p
Burton Grp	11p to 183p	Shell Trans	13p to 575p
De Beers dfd	10p to 450p	Sun Alliance	10p to 557p
Dobson Park	7½p to 112½p	Whessoe	4p to 67p

Falls

GKN	6p to 274p	Phoenix Timber	3p to 140p
Jardine M'son	4p to 273p	Rowton Hotels	3p to 155p
Ldn Utd Inv	3p to 176p	Sec Alliance	3p to 198p
Newmark L	7p to 225p	Securicor Grp	5p to 122p
Pearson Long	3p to 245p	Swire Pacific 'A'	6p to 171p

Equities move sharply ahead. Gilt-edged securities firm. Dollar premium 91.75 per cent (effective rate 43.37 per cent). Sterling lost 40 pts to $1.9425. The effective exchange rate index was at 62.3.

Gold lost $1.50 an ounce to $209.875. SDR-$ was 1.27349 on Tuesday, while SDR-£ was 0.655290. Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1,470.5 (previous 1,471.3).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.75	1.69
Austria Sch	29.00	27.00
Belgium Fr	65.00	61.50
Canada $	2.30	2.25
Denmark Kr	11.04	10.54
Finland Mkk	8.37	7.92
France Fr	8.70	8.30
Germany Dm	4.02	3.80
Greece Dr	71.50	67.50
Hongkong $	9.50	9.05
Italy Lr	1665.00	1580.00
Japan Yn	393.00	368.00
Netherlands Gld	4.36	4.13
Norway Kr	10.50	10.05
Portugal Esc	89.00	84.00
S Africa Rd	1.97	1.84
Spain Pes	142.00	141.00
Sweden Kr	8.93	8.53
Switzerland Fr	3.28	3.06
US $	2.00	1.94
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.25	37.50

Rates for small denomination bank-notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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US groups censured for 'insider' dealing

Boston, Sept 5.—Four investment companies have been censured for their actions just before an equity scandal was revealed in 1973, and their informant, Mr Raymond Dirks, has been ordered to be suspended from the brokerage business for 60 days.

The censures and suspension were issued by an administrative law judge of the Securities and Exchange Commission who has been presiding over hearings on the equity funding scandal for nearly two years.

The penalties will take effect in 15 days unless there is an appeal.

Censured were Institutional Investors, Boston; John W. Bristol, New York; Manning & Napier, Rochester, New York, and Tomlin, Zimmerman & Parmelee, New York.

Judge David J. Markun ruled that they violated provisions of federal "insider" trading laws when they sold their holdings in Equity Funding Corporation of America after hearing rumours that a fraud was unfolding.

Mr Dirks, who was a securities analyst with Delafield Childs in 1973, is to be suspended "from association with a broker or dealer" for 60 days. The order says Mr Dirks "selectively disseminated" rumours he heard about Equity Funding, a Los Angeles-based insurance and investment firm that fabricated insurance policies to show boosts in sales and commissions.

When the practice, involving millions of dollars in fake policies, was uncovered in 1973, Equity Funding was placed in bankruptcy proceedings, was reorganized and emerged in 1976 as Orion Capital. Equity Funding's stockholders settled for about 12 cents of Orion stock for each $1 of loss claimed.

Dreyfus Corporation, which also was found to have violated the insider trading laws, was not penalized. The judge said Dreyfus, whose Dreyfus Fund sold some Equity Funding convertible debentures shortly before the scandal was disclosed, informed its customer, Goldman, Sachs of the rumours it heard at the time.—AP-Dow Jones.

Hopes rise that SU strikers will meet district committee

By Clifford Webb

Two promising peace initiatives which may ward off a strike by 3,000 BL Cars toolmakers, emerged last night. One was an indication from the 32 SU Systems toolmakers threatened with expulsion from the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, that they may now obey an order by the national executive and appear before the East Birmingham District Committee next Tuesday to explain their unofficial strike.

The other initiative came from Mr Bill Jordan, a Birmingham-based divisional organiser of the AUEW, who sent a telegram to members of the national executive in Brighton at the TUC conference, urging them to consider making the SU men's demands for wage parity a "special case", similar to that accorded the miners in 1974.

Over the past month, the 32 SU men have refused five times to see the district committee or obey its instructions to return to work, bringing about the threat of expulsion which in turn provoked the threat of a retaliatory strike by their 3,000 BL Cars colleagues.

The effect of Mr Jordan's move, if successful, would be to permit BL to give the SU men wage parity with Rover toolmakers, as the company has promised, subject to approval by the BL Cars joint negotiating committee which represents all unions at the company.

Yesterday Mr George Regan, the SU men's leader, said: "If we are given the opportunity to state our case to the district committee and they are prepared to listen to us, we would attend. But having stated our case—one which we believe to be 100 per cent justified—we would expect support from the district committee."

If the company and the union would agree that the SU men should be paid £83 a week plus five per cent from November 1, he would recommend an immediate return to work.

BL Cars has already indicated that £83 by November 1 is distinctly possible. The additional 5 per cent is another matter. Without it, the SU men insist, newly won parity with higher paid Rover toolmakers would disappear overnight.

Mr Ken Cure, Birmingham East district secretary, said: "Of course they will be given a chance to put their case. That has been the committee's position right from the start."

The committee held a routine meeting last night but the first item on the agenda was the developments in the SU dispute.

Inter-union clash over toolmakers averted

By Donald MacIntyre

Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, yesterday moved to prevent a clash with the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers over a letter sent to his members at SU Fuel Systems.

Mr Stanley Jefferson, a member of the ASTMS executive, said on Monday that he was advising supervisors at the plant not to carry out any work normally undertaken by the striking toolmakers.

He sent out a letter reminding them of the union's rule 27a, which prohibits the undertaking of work other than normal duties when another union is in dispute.

Mr Jenkins explained that rule 27a referred only to official disputes.

Yesterday Mr Jenkins told the AUEW that the letter did not have the status of an official instruction. The letter, which was also sent to Mr Hugh Scanlon, the AUEW president, is understood to have provoked a sharp reaction from the AUEW leadership.

Mr Clive Jenkins: letter 'from one lay member to another'.

Mr Jenkins said that the letter was "from one lay member to another". Mr Jefferson, chairman of the Birmingham Ward End branch, did not have the authority of the national executive to write it.

Mr Jenkins said his union had no intention of intervening in an AUEW dispute. He added: "The engineers have accepted our apology for this unfortunate error."

Executive seat eludes Mr Fraser

Mr Roy Fraser, the Cowley convener, who leads Leyland's militant toolmakers, has failed to win the support of the majority of the Oxford district committee in his attempt to win a seat on the national executive of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

Although Mr Fraser has been a member of the district committee for 15 years, and is one of its longest serving delegates, ten of the 18 members are supporting Mr Len Choulerton, another candidate.

Mr Fraser is campaigning to try to succeed Mr Reg Birch as the council member for the south-eastern division which includes Oxfordshire.

Earlier, Mr Fraser gained 18,000 votes in the union's election to find a successor to Mr Hugh Scanlon, as president.

Mr Malcolm Young, the district secretary, and Mr John Power, the district president, head the list of senior officials in the Oxford area supporting Mr Choulerton.

Europe car companies to coordinate research

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

Europe's leading motor manufacturers are prepared to embark on a combined programme of long-term research to counter the threat of increasing American domination in the 1980s.

A Joint Research Committee (JRC) has been established to plan and allocate research among member companies: Volkswagen in Germany, Fiat in Italy, Renault and Peugeot-Citroën in France, and Volvo in Sweden. British Leyland has been invited to join and is expected to do so shortly.

The move marks a significant drawing together in the face of a growing external threat to a European car industry which is still in some respects fragmented and strongly competitive.

But according to Signor Giovanni Agnelli of Fiat, whose idea it was, the European market will be swamped by American makers within 15 years unless the European manufacturers raise their research and development spending, from 2 to 3 per cent of turnover, closer to the American level of 4 to 5 per cent.

The Japanese motor industry, which has been making such inroads in Europe, also spends more on research and development, but is considered less innovative, and therefore less threatening in the longer term.

Raising Europe's effort to meet the American can be done effectively, the JRC members believe, only by pooling resources, both human and financial. But the strong market competition among them makes this difficult. Projects that might confer a competitive advantage on a particular group are ruled out.

That means the programme, which is being planned by research and technical directors from each country, will concentrate on basic areas of benefit to all. These are likely to include engine combustion efficiency; computer-assisted design; gas turbines for small vehicles; corrosion; and automatic quality control in manufacture.

New standard for group accounts

By Our Financial Staff

A new accounting standard covering the presentation of group accounts has been published by the six accountancy bodies. It will be known as Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 14.

The exposure draft setting out the thinking of the accountancy profession on group accounts was produced in July last year and comments on it were received from 85 organizations and individuals. As a result of these comments some changes have been made to the original draft.

On involves the addition of a new paragraph which says that where group accounts do not conform to the standard, the onus is on the directors to justify and state their reasons for concluding that their treatment gives a fairer view of the financial position of the group as a whole.

A second states that companies which are technically subsidiaries should not be consolidated in the accounts if they are not actually controlled by the holding company.

A third relates to accounting procedures for the results of companies which are bought or sold by a parent company. The principle established is that consolidated financial statements should reveal sufficient information to enable shareholders to appreciate the impact on the group's results.

The new standard will become effective for companies with financial years starting on or after January 1, 1979, so that most companies will have to conform to it for the year ending December 31 next year.

The central feature of SSAP 14 is that companies should adopt uniform accounting policies in the preparation of consolidated financial statements.

It does not change any of the options open to companies under the Companies Act.

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An extract from The Plessey Company's unaudited consolidated results for the first quarter to June 30, 1978 (with the results for the equivalent quarter in 1977/78 for comparison):

Figures in £000s	3 months to June 30 1978	3 months to June 30 1977
Sales	151,900	143,400
Profit before Taxation	12,406	12,388
Taxation	4,325	4,250
Profit after Taxation	8,081	8,138
Earnings attributable to Shareholders	7,814	7,923
Earnings per Share (pence)	3.31p	3.37p

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SLP wins £6m contract for two N Sea modules

A £6m contract has been awarded to the SLP group for two modules for Shell/Esso's Fulmar "A" platform in the North Sea. Work on the two modules, the superstructure of the platform which houses all the working gear, began last month. The modules are expected to sail out in May, 1980.

Weighing a total of 3,400 tonnes the two modules are the largest yet ordered from SLP. They will be built at SLP Fabricating Engineers' Belvedere Road yard at Lowestoft.

The two being built by SLP are part of six to be housed on the platform. One of the two will be for power generation, the other being a general utility module.

Fulmar "A" is due to come on stream in 1981. Recoverable reserves from the field are estimated to be about 500 million barrels. It is expected to provide about 8 per cent of Britain's daily consumption.

In brief

Shareholders favour Montedison scheme

Public shareholders in the ailing chemical group Montedison announced in Rome yesterday that, following assurances, they favoured the successful conclusion of negotiations for the entry of an unidentified foreign group.

The assurances given were that no foreign or Italian rival of Montedison would be involved; that the present 50-50 balance between the public and private sectors in the control of Montedison would be maintained; and that Montedison would continue to be able to maintain and develop its presence on the market.

The statement was issued by Sogam, the holding company grouping the interest in Montedison of the state corporations ENI and IRI.

British Airways spend £2.5m on advertising

A £2.5m advertising campaign reflecting the changing face of British Airways was launched yesterday with a "warm and friendly" family called The Taylors. Mr Terry Coates, British Airways United Kingdom advertising manager said the new 60-second television commercials were intended to put "fun" into the airline and to bring a sense of adventure to the airline business.

Good response to 'bottle banks' plan

"Guilt feelings" over throwing away empty bottles and the conservation advantages of recycling them are among the main reasons for the success of the glass industry's "bottle bank" scheme, according to an independent survey published today.

The scheme, which urges householders to dispose of used glass containers in special skips, is now operating in seven centres throughout the United Kingdom and the Glass Manufacturers' Federation expects 30 "bottle banks" to be in use by the end of the year.

It was found by the survey, conducted by the market research company, England, Grosse & Associates, that few users saw the scheme only as a method of adding to manufacturers' profits.

Housing plots cost 11pc more this year

Prices paid for private housing land in England and Wales during the first half of this year averaged about £2,210 a plot. This was 11 per cent higher than in the second half of last year and nearly 18 per cent up on the first half of 1977, according to provisional estimates published by the Department of the Environment.

The analysis is based on 763 transactions and should be treated with caution. However, it would appear to support warnings made by private housebuilders of a growing shortage of land for housing in areas of demand.

Farmland prices at record level

Prices of English farmland were at a record level in July after rising for almost a year, the latest survey by government farm advisers and the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation shows.

The price has risen by more than half in less than 18 months, so that the price of farms has increased much faster than the value of much of what is produced on them. The survey of more than 350 sales shows that the average price of farmland with vacant possession in the three months to the end of July was £3,079 a hectare, compared with £2,235 a year earlier.

Brunei in £30m deal for Rapier system

Brunei plans to buy the Rapier "Blindfire" low-level air defence system, British Aerospace said yesterday. The contract, worth more than £30m to British Aerospace Dynamics Group, is expected to be signed next year. To date total export contracts for Rapier are worth more than £600m.

BANK FIGURES

The following are the figures for eligible liabilities and reserve assets ratios of United Kingdom banks released by the Bank of England yesterday:

At mid month	Eligible liabilities £m	Rise over 3 months at annual rate %	Reserve assets ratio
1977			
Aug	37,691	+22.5	14.5
Sept	38,793	+30.8	14.5
Oct	39,705	+31.4	14.5
Nov	40,196	+29.6	15.1
Dec	40,833	+22.9	14.8
1978			
Jan	41,632	+20.9	14.8
Feb	42,224	+21.6	14.0
Mar	42,575	+18.2	14.1
April	43,889	+23.5	13.9
May	44,503	+23.4	13.8
June	44,369	+18.1	13.8
July	45,033	+11.0	13.3
Aug	43,404	−9.5	13.5

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opencast mining: mixed blessin

From Mr Malcolm Brocklesby

Sir, I would appreciate the opportunity of drawing attention to certain items in the article "Opencast Mining: blessing or blight?" published on August 29, 1978.

(1) "Opencast mining is inflicted on a restricted area for only a limited period." Unless current policy is modified some 450,000 areas may well have been opencast by the end of the century. Hardly a restricted area. Most new applications are for sites in mature countryside surrounding industrial conurbations where rural landscape it at a premium. The period of working individual sites is commonly 10 years but one site follows another and, as at the Temple Newsam near Leeds, the area can be dominated by a creeping swath of devastation for over 45 years which forever destroys the beauty and character of the British countryside.

(2) "Restoration invariably leaves the land in a better state than before opencast started." This statement is totally false. The majority of new applications are for the working of medium and good farming land where the end result is invariably inferior. The crops which can viably be grown are limited to grass and certain types of grain and even with these the yields are reduced. The MAFF Advisory Leaflet 510 confirms that "root crops generally have not been successful" and notes that "restored opencast land requires more care in management, more fertilizer, and when put to grass heavier seed rates than for normal undisturbed land". Hardly an improvement.

(3) The article refers to the analysis which we have prepared showing that the current policy of maximising opencast is not profitable and suggests that this has not been challenged by the NCB because it has not taken the trouble so to do. These figures have been given in evidence at three public inquiries, the purpose of which, according to Mr Alex Eadie, Under Secretary of State for Energy, is "to elicit all the facts and provide an opportunity for them to be tested and challenged". If the NCB does not take the trouble even to support its own case the public may well conclude that such inquiries are inde more than a charade.

(4) It may be, howeve the NCB knows our figu be accurate. Last yea production was virtually while opencast increase 2.1m tons. The cost ar in the evidence submitt inquiries in 1977 and t Wigan Symposium show expected fall in mining for this situation in the of £12m to £22m. The recently published acc record an actual fall in m profit after deducting gra £21.9m. We have clearl exaggerated the financial alty of the current ope policy.

It is to be hoped tha ministries concerned an misled by superficial fi and that they study the of increasing opencast or overall mining profits b sanctioning further ope development.

Yours faithfully,
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Group,
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Oulton,

Defining 'defective' under product liability law

From Mr Peter Madge

Sir, The proposed system of strict liability for defective products makes the manufacturer liable for injury even if the product would not have been regarded as defective in the light of the scientific and technological development at the time when he put the product into circulation. This has become known as the development risk.

Whilst industry understandably is worried about the increased risks that will fall upon them, many people will misunderstand Mr Ken Edwards' comments in his letter in *The Times* of September 4 to such risks being "totally unknowable and therefore logically uninsurable", as meaning that the development risk will not be covered by product liability policies.

That would be to create a false impression. There is no suggestion that insurers will not cover the development risk under the proposed system of strict liability.

Under strict liability the injured person will have to prove three things: the product was defective; his injury was caused by the product; the defendant was the manufacturer of the product.

Crucial to the system is the meaning of "defective". The EEC Draft Directive defines a product as defective when it does not provide for persons or property the safety which a person is entitled to expect.

The Pearson Royal Commission recommend the definition contained in the Strasbourg Convention, namely that a product is defective when it does not provide the safety which a person is entitled to expect having regard to all the circumstances including the presentation of the product. (Only the EEC Draft Directive refers to certain forms of property damage).

A study of personal injury litigation in the last decade will show that the courts' sympathies have been with the plaintiff. Existing law has been interpreted liberally and where necessary changed to ensure the injured plaintiff receives compensation.

In a just and caring society this is no doubt correct. The object of strict liability is to redress the legal balance between consumer and manufacturer. The various interpretations of the word "defective" are drafted with this in mind—to try in so far as it is possible to be fair to both sides.

But much will depend upon its future interpretation by our judges. A too liberal interpretation will produce a flow of claims of which industry is fearful.

Ken Edwards is one of several writers who have expressed concern on behalf of industry about the development risk but like previous writers makes no reference to the meaning of a "defective" product. Presumably therefore industry considers the present definitions to be acceptable.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MADGE,
Ten Trinity Square,
London EC3P 3AX,

Lyons deal a bargain for Allied Breweries

From Mr Robert Aries

Sir, The agitation on the acquisition of Lyons by Allied Breweries appears to me as a tempest in a City teapot.

It looks like a business school case study of a known company which is selling a respectable 1.3 billion dollars of beer and services and making $70 million profit, acquiring at a bargain price a famous food multinational with valuable trademarks also selling 1.3 billion dollars of goods but beset by financial problems causing it to lose 9.2 million dollars last year.

Such elementary economics hardly justify extensive advertising and arguing whether there should be stockholders approval. A vote of confidence is inevitable.

A lot of worse decisions by management have been rubber stamped at stockholders meetings, thus I don't see why, there should be a discussion concerning a really good merger.

Not appearing on any bottom line nor public debate, is the value of Lyons expertise and research which is geared to the future requirements of world consumers.

For example, last June without advertising (possibly because of lack of budget) was launched Lyons Maid Yogurt cone, the first frozen dessert in the world without any stabilizers nor emulsifiers. This may herald a new era in milk proteins and their use as additives in all foods rather than chemicals, gums or glycerides.

Pension fund managers cannot evaluate nor approve the impact of such developments to Allied diet and frozen foods.

Allied management is acting wisely in making the offer which is in the interest of stockholders, but their public relations may need some polish.

Madison Avenue would have presented this merger as the multinational deal of the year, rather than run defensive type ads opposing a psychological type of a meeting.

Yours truly,
R. ARIES,
1 Avenue Marc Monnier,
1206 Genève,

Business leaders wanted VAT

From Mr A. W. Taylor

Sir, You have recently published several criticisms about the customs administration of the VAT.

It is worth recalling that even before Britain joined the EEC most of the leaders of the business community were strongly pressing for a change from purchase tax to VAT, on the ground that it would stimulate exports, encourage industrial investment and so on.

It was constantly being alleged (rightly or wrongly) that the Customs were opposed to the suggested change because they did not think that it would bring the supposed advantages but would mean a vast administrative burden on all concerned, both the department and traders.

One aspect of this administration is the need to keep over one million registered businesses informed of constantly changing legal decisions emanating from the VAT tribunals and elsewhere, so that these businesses can act in accordance with the law in their day by day transactions.

The decisions affect not only fiscal relations with the department, but also the legal obligations, under a multi-stage tax, between buyers and sellers. They have to be conveyed with precision—call it "verbiage" if you will.

Perhaps the department did foresee, only too well, the consequences that the change would inevitably bring.

Yours faithfully,
A. W. TAYLOR,
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Beaconsfield,
Buckinghamshire.

Drawbacks of industrial tribunals

From Mr Ron Birch

Sir, As one of the 8,888 persons who had their industrial tribunal cases dismissed last year I feel Maurice Corina's assessment (August 30 and 31) of the workings of the tribunals is somewhat naive.

My personal experience is that the theoretical advantages of "informality" are outweighed by the tribunal operating outside the usual rules of a court of law, with which the average person has at least some acquaintance. Apart from this I found the tribunal no less formal than a magistrates court and the one request I made, to change the sequence of events to help me explain my position more clearly, was promptly turned down because "we don't usually do it that way".

I was unrepresented, earning less than the average income, calm and articulate, presenting a case against a well represented county council; yet the burden of proof was made very much to fall on me, and the chairman of the tribunal made it clear that I was wasting my breath from very early on.

It was difficult to believe he didn't tend to look at things very much from an employer's viewpoint. Since then I've spoken to others much more experienced with tribunals, a their views coincide with mi rather than Maurice Corina

I look forward to the d when the work of industri tribunals is taken over genuine courts of law, whe I believe it properly belong As unemployment rises, should become increasing obvious that protection fro unfair dismissal is far mo important than the majori of cases presently heard befo magistrates' courts.

Yours sincerely,
Ron Birch.
28 Lansdown,
Stroud,
Gloucestershire.

Widows' deal indeed hardest of all . . .

From Mrs J. Warlow

Sir, I must say how w heartedly I agree with the h ing "Widows get the ha deal of all", on Saturd sadly the last, of the serie women and their money.

Roger Beard made it q obvious how complex and gical are the regulat issued by the DHSS—ever the point of misunderstanc them himself! No, I am blaming him, just sympat ing! However I do feel a rection is necessary.

The DHSS does not c sider widows to be sin parents so far as child ben is concerned. Widowed moth do not receive the additio £1 awarded to single pare and so ". . . £3.30 a week f Nicholas as part of a sing parent family . . ." becom £2.30 for Nicholas as the son a widow. It should also pointed out that when chi benefit was introduced it w not paid in addition to th widowed mother's allowanc but deducted from it.

Even doing a part-tim job, Mrs Grater is going to fin it very difficult, I think impo sible, to achieve a weekly in come of £50. Once her m coding is sorted out she m well find she is in debt to th Inland Revenue already, sin the widows allowance for th first 26 weeks, quite high her case, is also taxable, a poi perhaps not emphasized enou She will also have to pay f National Insurance contri tions even though if she is or unemployed she cannot r ceive sickness or unemployme pay in addition to her pensio only which ever is the grea

She will find, as all widows have, that had s worked when her husband w still alive, she would have be allowed to take home a mu larger proportion of her sala another illogicality of the sy tem.

Yes indeed "Widows get t hardest deal of all".

Yours etc,
JO WARLOW,
National Chairman,
National Association of Wido
34 Fairmile Gardens,
Longford,
Gloucester.
September 2.

. . . but what about the widower?

From Mr J. R. Townsend

Sir, The headline to an arti in your issue of September declares that "Widows get t hardest deal of all". Th don't, you know. Widowers

A widower does not recei any pension. If he is at wo and has young children, will, in the great majority cases, either have to employ housekeeper at high expen out of taxed income or, if cannot afford it, give up job and face the humiliation applying for social security.

I suspect that the unstat reasoning behind this d crimination against men that "a man can alwa remarry". But the assumpti that a man will marry obtain domestic services, a can expect to find some wom who will be glad of a husba seems to me to be insulting both sexes.

Yours truly,
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

An improving trend in money supply

gilt edged market has been waiting for not in the arm for some time now and erday it was given at least a mild dose ncouragement in the form of the August king figures. The message from the very p fall—3.6 per cent in eligible liabilities 6.3 per cent in interest bearing eligible ilities—may not be particularly precise, implies that the money supply, in the a of sterling M3, should have fallen, aps by as much as 1 per cent, over period. In that case, the annualized rate rowth in sterling M3 over the first four nths of the financial year would be ning well below the bottom end of this r's 8-12 per cent growth target.

hat, in conjunction with the indication n the clearing banks that the underlying of expansion in loan demand may be kening, should be modestly bullish for s. But it still remains difficult to see that ket moving far given the continuing toral uncertainty and the fact that the horities are unlikely to want to see any ificant lowering of interest rates until y are convinced they have seen the peak United States rates.

s for the “corset”. the banks looks to making unexpectedly comfortable pro- ss in the right direction, thanks largely Bank of England assistance, notably in form of the release of special deposits. official hope now seems to be that the nned recall of the bulk of those deposits the September and October banking nths can be achieved without too much of disturbance, but the authorities will btless be playing it by ear.

ssey

onfident about is year

ssey has raised false hopes before, most ently in the second half of last year. For moment, however, the optimists are in ascendent. First quarter profits, although changed at £12.4m, *are better than gener*y expected in view of disruptions in ecommunications caused by strikes in stralia and Portugal, a £400,000 adverse rrency movement and a £1m loss at rrard where, despite last year's surgery, re is still no improvement.

Moreover, Plessey is showing undisguised fidence about the remainder of the year. owth of anything up to 40 per cent is sible in electronic systems; private telemunications, flat so far, should now prove fast; and public systems and the draulics/aerospace interests will be pick- up pace, too. The order book is up fur- r to £731m. Targets of £50m plus for the year against £41.2m thus look realistic, l the prospective p/e ratio of nearly 11 backed by a healthy enough 8.4 per cent ld.

The longer term question marks for ssey remain, however. The telecommuni- ions business still faces further overhaul accommodate new technology, and the wing Government involvement in micro- cessors suggests that the matter of lustry reorganization may not yet be dead.

ecca

apital goods owdown

judge by how tightly held the shares and the negligible level of trading they ually see, investors are not paying any tice at all to the profits performance of cca. Which is just as well as the latest l year profits, showing a 23 per cent mp to £15.9m pre-tax after only a rginal half-time decline of £300,000, are lowest total for five years.

Consumer products, which account for re than two-fifths of sales, is still the ssenger although the second half has rouped the first-half loss to leave profits wn from £3m to £501,000. Colour tele- ion is the main drag with losses now proaching £1m and, despite a couple of art successes, records too have turned lower results. The difference this time that capital goods are no longer carrying ecca to the extent they have in the past. ice rises have been difficult to get rough and the survey side has moved into e red by around £200,000.

For the current year Decca itself is not expecting much recovery, although some improvement is possible in colour television and a turnround in survey could lift profits back to around £15m. The real ace up Decca's sleeves, though, is the size of the order book for navigation and electronic warfare equipment, which could start to percolate through to profits this year but more probably not until the 1980s.

In the meantime an historic p/e ratio of 18, getting on for double that of Racal, backed by a yield of only 3.9 per cent on the non-voters at 455p, has obviously lost touch with the trading realities and its only justification are the bid hopes.

Bicc

Demand remains sluggish

BICC's 17.4 per cent interim profits rise to £28m is due to first-time contributions from new acquisitions in the industrial products division and a particularly strong performance from the Balfour Beatty construction business.

Elsewhere, though, progress has been pedestrian; BICC is clearly still awaiting a significant recovery in world trading conditions to provide the desired impetus for its important cable and wire operations.

The repayment of something over £3m to the Post Office in respect of the price-ringing claims has cut operating profits from BICC cables by more than a fifth to £6.5m, but allowing for the fact that previous figures were depressed by closure costs progress on this front has been negligible in real terms.

Meanwhile the international division's profit operating contribution is only fractionally ahead at £13.9m reflecting particularly tough market conditions in Canada and parts of Europe, while new acquisitions including Cohen and Dorman Smith account for the lion's share of the 90 per cent improvement to just over £5m in industrial products.

However, with profits now pouring through from the huge Dubai port contract, Balfour's contribution has jumped 70 per cent to £6.9m. With new orders holding up well this division should continue to provide solid support until activity recovers in other areas.

BICC's promise of similar progress in the second-half helped the shares up 9p to 131p in a buoyant market. But expectations of a £57m profit this year against £48m point to a p/e ratio of around 9. It seems a little on the high side despite the attractions offered by a yield of just under 9 per cent. The shares, then, are unlikely to make headway against the market until stronger signs *of a world trading recovery emerge.*

IMI

Zip profits collapse

IMI, like BICC, is operating against an uninspiring demand background and profits were never really expected to do much more than mark time this year.

That assumed no accidents however and IMI's interim profits are down by 12½ per cent at £15.7m having been knocked off course by a serious setback in the zip fastener business. This has never been an easy area due to Japanese competition which despite representations to the EEC remains a real problem. But it has become even more difficult due to fashion changes and more significantly the shift in garment manufacturing from Europe to the Far East.

IMI will have to sweat this one out and it is already clear that despite rationalisation of its zip business to deal with the changed demand picture and barring any sudden upturn in demand from the general engineering and metalworking sectors that the zip situation will cast a cloud over this year's results. The shares at 63p, yielding around 8 per cent remain closely geared to the engineering and building cycles. IMI's building materials business is going well but there must be doubts about whether it can get the sort of results it wants from its engineering businesses to make good the shortfall on zips.

Peter Norman

Obstacles in the path of the new European monetary system

‘The monetary issue appears to stand at the threshold of political decision. The EEC monetary committee will this week sift the reactions of the nine European capitals to the work of the two expert groups before drawing up the alternatives for the finance ministers’

Brussels

While most West Europeans have been trying to make the best of one of the worst summers in memory, two groups of experts have virtually completed the technical work needed to create the planned European monetary system.

Throughout August top officials of the European central banks and deputies of the EEC monetary committee have been investigating ways of bringing about the greater monetary cooperation which EEC leaders at their summit conference in Bremen at the beginning of July agreed was “highly desirable”.

Today and tomorrow the options will be discussed in Brussels by the members of the EEC monetary committee in what one participant described this week as a “third reading” of the various ways to introduce the “EMS”.

The implication was that the EEC finance ministers, when they meet in Brussels on September 18, will be in a position to make the political decisions necessary to establish the system according to schedule at the beginning of next year. However, it is a matter of much doubt whether the ministers will be willing to do so.

The Bremen proposals were summed up in an annexe to the communiqué issued after the two-day summit meeting of EEC leaders in the city on July 6 and 7. The annexe was tantalizingly vague on several key issues and *it is these that* have been the subject of much expert deliberation throughout August.

Agreement has not been reached at the expert level, but the practical aspects of the various alternatives have been worked through with a fine-tooth comb so that in theory *at least EEC ministers have* only to make the political decisions to launch the European monetary system.

The Bremen annexe envisaged the establishment of a system of exchange rate management in Europe that is at least as strict as the existing European

It determined that a European currency unit (the ECU) would be “at the centre of the system” and said in a footnote that the currency would have the “same definition as the European unit of account”.

The annexe suggested that ECUs would be used to support the system and implied that they would have a hybrid character. *An initial supply would* be created against the deposits of a certain percentage of central bank gold and dollar reserves (the annexe spoke of 20 per cent and this figure has been adopted without amendment by the experts) and used as a means of settlement between EEC monetary authorities. An equal sum, created against member currencies, would be used for short and medium-term currency credits between central banks.

The entire concept is designed to create an area of monetary stability in Europe better able to cope with exchange rate disruptions caused by such events as the recent sudden weakening *of the dollar.*

The dollar problem was hinted at in the third paragraph of the Bremen annexe which spoke of the need for countries participating in the scheme to coordinate their exchange rate policies vis-à-vis third currencies.

The essential aspects of the Bremen annexe were agreed by all nine EEC leaders after an informal dinner at the end of the first day of the summit.

Afterwards Mr James Callaghan had second thoughts and insisted that there should be “concurrent studies” on the reallocation of resources between “rich” and “poor” members of the EEC, in which he clearly thought Britain would count among the poorer brethren of the community.

It was only when the nine national delegations returned home after the meeting that serious doubts arose on the terms agreed.

A significant difference emerged over the character of *the ECU*: the so-called numeraire of the system. The existing snake members, led by Germany, favour an exchange rate system in which the European currency unit would be fixed. This so-called grid parity system would differ little in practical terms from the present system of central rates *used in the joint European* float.

The non-snake countries, championed by France and Britain, have taken their cue from the footnote in the Bremen annexe and argued for a weighted basket of currencies that would presumably fluctuate in value depending on the strength and weakness of its various constituents.

It is argued that this system would help weaker currencies to stay in the EMS in times of monetary turbulence, although it would be far more dififcult to operate. Both sides agree that currency relationships should be adjustable if a given rate proves untenable.

Another problem area has been the nature of the support fund of ECUs that would back the system. It was generally thought at the beginning that this implied a pooling of reserves to create a European monetary fund—a solution that has obvious attractions for the weaker European currencies *that would* presumably become the prime beneficiaries of such a system.

But over the summer the Germans, who have the largest reserve hoard in the Community and who would therefore contribute most to such a fund, appear to have backtracked, speaking instead of *drawing rights upon the pool of* ECUs created from reserves, without necessarily creating a fund under independent management.

It is principally in these two areas that the experts have been working and have devised their alternatives. The important question of coordinating exchange rate *policies* against third countries appears to have been relatively neglected, probably because this summer's dollar weakness was generally diagnosed as a problem to be solved in Washington.

The issue of concurrent studies has hardly got off the ground, partly because the leaders assembled in Bremen gave a much vaguer mandate on this issue and partly because the EEC economic policy committee, which is entrusted with this study, did not meet during the traditional continental August summer break.

The monetary issue, therefore, appears to stand at the threshold of political decision. The monetary committee will this week sift the reactions of the nine European capitals to the work of the two export groups before finally drawing up the alternatives for the finance ministers' meeting later this month.

But it would be rash to expect the finance ministers to decide on a final blueprint for the European monetary system. The lack of progress over concurrent studies is one obvious stumbling block. Another big obstacle to decision is uncertainty as to the date and outcome of the British general election.

Observers in Brussels, therefore, feel that decision will be put off until the next EEC summit in Brussels at the beginning of December.

For enthusiastic supporters of greater European monetary cooperation the dangers of such a delay are clear. The impetus gained from the rapid advances made at the technical level over the summer could easily be lost as experts are sent back to work over the finer points of questions awaiting a political decision.

Meanwhile, monetary cooperation could become bogged down in the enormous complexities implicit in the concurrent studies on the reallocation *of resources in the European* Community.

The EEC Commission claims that the one virtue of greater monetary cooperation is that it is a project that promises to remove a significant restraint to economic growth in the member states of the Community while not upsettting *organized pressure groups.*

The same cannot be said of plans to reform the common agricultural policy.

Closing the gap between politicians and business

The object was to do something about the businessman's *ignorance* of the working of Parliament and the problems of political decision-making in relation to business affairs

The Confederation of British Industry recently pronounced on the desirability of more employees going into politics, the implication being that politics is too important to be left to the politicians.

A group of business executives from Chloride also recently attended a “teach in” at the House of Commons organized by two MPs—Robin Corbett, Labour member for Hemel Hempstead, and Hal Miller, Conservative member for Bromsgrove and Redditch. The object, according to Chloride, was to do something about the businessman's ignorance of the workings of Parliament and the problems of political decision-making in relation to business affairs.

As one MP said recently: “If we MPs are ignorant about business, businessmen are surprisingly ignorant about the business of government.”

The MPs and the company involved in the “teach in” are members of the Industry and Parliament Trust, which was formed last year to bridge the gulf that exists in Britain between politicians and businessmen.

Member companies of the trust—15 at present, including British Rail—sponsor two MPs and expose them to 25 days a year in business and industry with their company, on the shop floor, in the boardroom and in the market place.

MPs are invited to join the trust voluntarily. Member companies pay an annual subscription of £6,000. Associate members—of which there is only one at present—pay only £500.

According to Alan Eden-Green, the trust's general secretary, companies who share the disquiet about MPs being out of touch with the realities of business and industry are keen to use education in the interests of both sides and of the nation at large. He says: “We turned down the idea of a vigorous industrial lobby on grounds that we wanted to be an educational unit rather than a pressure group.”

When the trust appoints MPs, it does so without reference to its sponsoring members, who do not know therefore which MPs they are going to have assigned to them. This is a necessary precaution, which removes any temptation among businessmen to connive and attempt to influence MPs. It also makes it much easier for MPs to shed their inhibitions.

When the trust got under way, it *did* so with the agreement of each of the party whips, except for the Scottish Nationalists, whom it forgot—which was, as Alan Eden-Green explains, “careless and caused us a lot of trouble”.

When the MPs and companies learn who they are paired with, they can veto the choice. This has already happened, in a case where a company had problems bordering on an MP's “territory” which were embarrassing to both him and the company.

On another occassion an MP would not take part because *the company to which* he had been assigned was strong in his constituency.

Other MPs, however, do not mind that, especially as it is a strict rule of the trust that members' companies must not use MPs to lobby on their behalf.

Companies belonging to the trust include Cadbury Schweppes, Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, British American Tobacco Company, United Biscuits, Laporte, Metal Box, Tarmac, Plessey and the British Oxygen company, whose idea it originally was.

MPs belonging include Janet Fookes—the only woman—Conservative for Plymouth Drake, who spent a day serving behind the counter of her local Marks & Spencer store; Bryan Davies, Labour MP for Enfield North, and Dr Gerard Vaughan, Conservative MP for Reading South, both of whom went down a coal mine with the NCB (another member of the trust) to see for themselves how work is done underground; and Hugh Rossi, Conservative MP for Hornsey, who *spent a day out on a British* Oxygen Company delivery-vehicle, handing gas cylinders to startled customers.

The object of all this is to increase MPs understanding of business and industry by giving them first-hand knowledge of what is going on “in the real world”, far removed from Westminster. To this end, a real-world business situation was artificially created recently in the form of a management game at the Tower Hotel, in London, where MPs attended a day-long seminar, at which they played roles in the reorganization of a hypothetical company called Crackers Ltd, engaged in the manufacture and marketing of potato crisps, cheese biscuits and “snack meals”.

The company was riddled with problems and MPs tried their hands at finding solutions.

There will be those, of course, who think that MPs themselves are “crackers” to become so closely involved with business and industry in this way, running the risk of “contamination” and devoting so *much of their time to such* pursuits.

On the other hand, for those MPs who can find the time, there can be no doubt that there is something—perhaps much—to be learnt about the increasingly complicated and the inescapable worlds of business and industry, about which they are so often required to make value judgments in the political arena.

Bob Crew

Mr Hal Miller (left) and Mr Robin Corbett, two MPs who recently organized a House of Commons “teach-in” for businessmen.

Business Diary: Healey meets the Sweaney

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reading my way through the ght to Work protesters into abian meeting at the Queen's tel to hear Denis Healey's ichtime address yesterday, I ught how appropriate it was t the only function to which have been charged entrance e should be one involving *Chancellor* of the chequer.

arry Whitty, the GMWU icial who was in the chair, iously had the same idea. introducing Healey, Whitty l that the fact that it cost to hear the Chancellor yet hing to hear the Prime nister further down the road the congress hall, said more ut the finances of the Fabian iety than it did of the Labour ty.

he purpose of Healey's eting, as I saw it, was for party to ge in some well- blicized swipes at Mrs tcher, thus leaving the me Minister free later in the ernoon to appear all the more nified, statesmanlike and, l . . . prime ministerial.

Did you notice, by the way, v Jim Callaghan, the only me Minister to have been a de union official, did not errupt the health debate en he arrived on the general ncil's platform yesterday but ted until the union speakers l been heard?

Healey, tongue in cheek, had mised a “reflective and demic” address, “as befits Fabian Society”. In fact, was all good, knockabout ff about the Thatcher/ seph brand of “half-baked remism”.

He spoke of Ted Heath's hilly matrimonial address” to the Tory party leader during the Penistone by-election and added in a suitably Malthusian aside during an examination of Thatcherian economics: “If I had proposed to Edna in those terms I'd never have got married and the population of this country would have been smaller by three.”

Healey carried off the meeting with superb *aplomb (as did* his leader later yesterday) but, quite apart from the Right to Work demonstrations inside and outside the hotel, it was by no means a cosy affair.

“What about the managers?” is how I can best paraphrase a question about the restoration of incentives and differentials put to the Chancellor by Denis Sweaney, the national officer of John Lyons's Engineers' and Managers' Association.

Healey used Sweaney's question to fuel his attack on the Tories' free market policies. He would, he said, not be rude to managers, as had Jim Prior in saying that *managers* were mostly to blame for poor industrial performance. The Chancellor then added: “. . . although there may be a lot of truth in what he [Prior] said”—which sounded rude enough to me.

Managers, the Chancellor allowed, had been “squeezed” in the past but had been helped by his tax changes. The net emigration of managers had stopped and, according to one poll, twice as many were now coming home as were expressing a specific desire to leave. They could now see that the country was going to survive and even progress.

Then came a final gesture to the Tories and that, too, seemed rather rude to me, for Healey has an odd, but no doubt entirely innocent, habit of sticking two fingers up in the air to make a point.

British industrial performance, he told Sweaney, had been inferior to that of her competitors for a century. The worst period of all had been the decade before the First World War when, as Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph would like now, there was next to no income tax or welfare state.

I asked a grim-faced Sweaney whether he had liked Healey's answer. No, he said. Managers had had a tough time under the last three pay phases and, come election time, “they might well wonder whether they would do better under a freer system”.

“This southern ale tastes off to you only because you know that the brewery is supporting the Tory election fund.”

■ While most of the celebrities of British trade unionism were *tripping the light fantastic* at an ASTMS reception on Monday night, Arthur Scargill was cogently and wittily talking power politics along the seafront at the Royal Pavilion.

Scargill, president of the Yorkshire area of the NUM, was wearing not his miner's helmet but his hat as chairman of Energy 2000. This is the coordinating body of the various anti-nuclear power lobbies—“the brown bread and sandals brigade”, as he said they are sometimes called.

Talking to a Socialist Environment and Resources Association meeting, he illustrated his attack on the dangers of nuclear power and the secrecy of the nuclear establishment with a story I rather liked.

Scargill told how he once debated with a physicist the proposition that nuclear power was inherently dangerous. The physicist, Scargill said, produced a piece of plutonium, ran a Geiger counter over it and received no reaction from the machine. He then, Scargill went on, donned ostentaciously a pair of gloves and produced a piece of coal.

The physicist then ran the Geiger counter over the coal and the contraption started to crackle. All rocks emit slight radiation, apparently.

How, asked the phycisist, can you argue that this dirty and difficult to handle fuel is *preferable to nuclear power?*

Ah, Scargill said, recalling an old remedy for heartburn from his 20 years' underground, I'll eat that piece of coal if you'll eat that piece of plutonium. Apparently the physicist did not pick up the gauntlet—or the plutonium, either.

One might expect a miners' leader to prefer coal to plutonium, of course. Scargill, however, told the meeting that such was his fear of nuclear power and its dangers that if the price of ending this country's nuclear programme were to be the closure of every pit in Britain then he would be willing to pay it.

It's back to London tonight for me and I hope to have less trouble in getting away than did David Basnett on his first day as chairman of the congress. He ended the day looking even more quietly perplexed than usual. After yesterday's adjournment, Basnett, GMWU general secretary, found himself locked in the conference hall at Brighton Centre. Eventually he was shown an exit at the back. He fared better than Leslie Huckfield, the junior Industry Minister, who had to leave by a loading bay.

Ross Davies

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Review by the Chairman Mr. G. R. Francis

✻ *Although trading conditions generally* continue to be difficult, I am pleased to be able to report another satisfactory year for the Group.

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✻ We are continuing to expand our product range, and are encouraged by the *results which have assisted in maintaining* our share of a depressed market.

✻ In the circumstances your Directors have no hesitation in proposing that the dividend be again increased by the maximum amount permitted to 3.950p per share.

✻ We have given consideration to the Stock Exchange recommendation concerning inflation accounting but have decided that, with the continuing uncertainties, it is not appropriate to present the inflation adjusted statement this year; we shall however continue to carefully monitor, and assess, the situation.

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Heating and Plumbing Marchants—BIRMINGHAM

Stock markets

Equities' best day for 10 months

Better than expected banking figures and good trading news from BICC and Plessey cleared the air on the stock market yesterday and gave shares their best day for 10 months.

The *FT* Ordinary share index leapt almost 12 points at one stage though a little profit taking at these higher levels took stocks off the top by the close. However the index held most of the rally, to end 10.1 up at 503.5 in light trading.

Over the previous five trading sessions, the index had fallen some 20 points, though there had been few sellers on the way down and, as jobbers marked stocks better before the official opening, the buyers were already queueing up with orders.

The FNFC 1992/97 loan stock held steady at £31 yesterday following its run of the past few sessions. There is some thought that the price could fall sharply towards the end of the account as, in the absence of any arrears payment news, speculators rush to cover the large bull positions which have been built up.

Nonetheless, some feel that there will be a reaction to the sharp rally today in front of half time figures from market leaders ICI and BP tomorrow.

Election uncertainties continue to upset sentiment though October 5 seems to be gathering market support as the most likely date and the general feeling is that the index is unlikely to break out of the 480-520 trading range.

British Funds had a slightly busier session with some strong buying at the shorter end following news of a more than 3 per cent drop in banking figures.

The initial three eighths rise was held during after-hours trading, though shorts continue to be depressed by the rising American interest rates.

Longer-dated gilts did little throughout the session though by the close most had drifted around a quarter better.

Among the index stocks only GKN was left behind. Some bearish brokers' comment, thought to be coming from the Midlands, has been initiating the selling of the past two sessions and yesterday the shares shed 6p to 274p.

Elsewhere, heavyweight Beecham led the way up with a rise of 9p to 712p while ICI at 401p, Glaxo at 612p and Unilever at 572p all added 7p. A 5p gain took Fisons to 380p while Courtaulds firmed 3p to 116p. Pilkingtons, which went ex-scrip on Monday, firmed 10p to 315p.

Reed, a volatile market of late, climbed 8p to 167p while Bowater, reporting next week, added 3p to 202p.

In engineers John Brown, which saw a shake out of stock last week, was wanted again, climbing 12p to 468p while Tubes added 6p to 400p.

Electricals were a buoyant sector will BICC proving to be the high flyer. Against market estimates of pre-tax profits within a £24m-£26m range it turned in some £27.9m which was enough to add 9p to the shares at 131p.

Plessey, also beating market estimates, added 5p to 106p while Decca, in line with down graded forecasts saw the 'A' shares firm 5p to 455p. GEC climbed 9p to 311p, Thorn firmed 6p to 380p and Racal went 10p higher to 330p.

Other groups to benefit from trading news include IMI 2½p higher at 63p, and Horizon Midland 3p firmer at 108p, while gains of a few pence left Zetters at 55p, James Beattie at 124p and Myson at 73p. By contrast, Reardon Smith 'A' shed 2p to 31p depressing P & O dfd a penny to 84p in front of figures today.

A favourably revised retail sales index and a confident Henley forecast on consumer spending for next year helped stores go better. GUS 'A' at 312p, Burton 'A' at 179p and Bourne & Hollingsworth at 287p all improved 10p while British Home Stores climbed 6p to 204p and Marks & Spencer added 4p to 87p.

A strong Wall Street and some buying in front of second quarter figures saw BP shoot 18p higher to 894p while Shell climbed 13p to 575p and Tricentrol at 172p, Oil Exploration at 202p and Ultramar at 240p all gained 6p.

In plantations, Guthrie added 7p to 373p.

As analysts up-grade estimates in front of imminent figures, whisky group Arthur Bell are surging ahead, gaining 10p to 272p yesterday. Speculative stock Highland firmed 4p to 147p while in breweries Matthew Clark ended the day at 166p, folowing a strong rally over the last few sessions. Last Thursday the price was 143p. A few months ago there was some speculation that Bass Charrington might bid but dealers feel that the buying now is being directed into the shares on the hopes of good figures next week.

Other isolated firm spots include Andrew R. Finlay 5p higher at 49p, Carrs Milling 4p better at 65p and Hunting Associated which gained 10p to 324p.

Trident Group Printers came back from suspension 5p better at 83p after an agreed bid from Starwest while Goldrei Foucard spurted 15p to 85p on news of take-over talks.

Elsewhere in foods Fitch Lovell, which denied bid speculation over Goldrei marked time at 64p following a quietly confident chairman's statement, while Nurdin & Peacock held steady at 87p after figures.

The high street clearers all forged ahead with gains of 5p to 7p while in HP's Provident firmed 3p to 113p after results.

The shares in engineer Fairbairn Lawson rose 3p to 72p yesterday, but the yield is still nearly 11 per cent. At the June annual meeting, the chairman reported a recovery in business, and the for the year to December, profits could rise from £1.3m to £1.7m. Interim figures are due soon, but the second half-year is expected to show a greater push than the first half.

Peachey, in properties added a penny to 83p undeterred by a hitch in a major sale.

Equity turnover on September 4 was £51.371m (16,006 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, GEC, Shell, Grand Metropolitan, Burmah, BICC, BP, A. Bell, Burton "A", Plessey, de Beers, and BET.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Apex Prop (F)	0.88(0.81)	0.4(0.42)	5.54(5.87)	2.7(2.28)	18/10	3.9(3.48)
Jas Beattie (I)	12.5(10.5)	0.98(0.38)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Blackwood (I)	147.7(156.4)	8.6(7.6)	4.56(4.19)	0.96(0.8)	15/12	2.26(1.66c)
BICC (I)	500.6(512.8)	27.9(23.8)	7.91(6.34)	2.5(2.25)	2/1	—(7.05)
F. Copson (F)	—(—)	0.165(0.161)	—(—)	0.83(0.74)	—	0.83(0.74)
Decca (F)	186.3(181.4)	12.3(15.88)	25.2(35.4)	8.59(7.65)	2/1	11.89(10.65)
Horizon (I)	9.3(5.4)	0.34(0.34a)	—(—)	1.62(0.91)	26/10	—(3.16)
IMI (I)	260.4(236.5)	15.7(18.0)	—(—)	1.67b(1.5)	27/10	—(3.29)
Edward le Bas (I)	8.1(8.29)	0.25(0.21)	—(—)	1.01(0.9)	2/10	—(1.8)
Myson (I)	23.8(19.4)	0.72(0.43a)	—(—)	1.25(Nil)	25/10	—(1)
Nurdin & Peacock (I)	110.0(97.1)	1.5(1.5)	4.13(3.12)	0.87(0.79)	27/10	—(1.84)
Ofrex Group (I)	20.17(16.0)	2.45(1.68)	4.94(7.33)	1.18(1.07c)	—	—(3.62c)
Plessey (Q)	151.9(143.4)	12.4(12.3)	3.31(3.37)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Prov Financial (I)	95.7(77.9)	4.08(3.08)	—(—)	1.8(1.61)	25/10	—(4.87)
J. Saville (F)	17.6(25.2)	0.75(0.92)	3.3(4.0)	1.22(1.05)	—	1.62(1.45)
Theiss Hldgs (F)	371.78d(290.9d)	19.14d (12.62d)	—(—)	—(—)	—	13e(10e)
Trade Indemnity (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	3.46f(3.07)	2/11	—(8.39)
Wm Whittingham (I)	6.4(5.3)	0.036(0.12a)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(0.99)
Zetters (F)	8.6(5.4)	1.04(0.59)	7.34(4.16)	1.29(1.16)	26/10	1.29(1.16)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.49. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a=Loss. b=Excludes additional 0.027p. c=Adjusted for scrip. d=Australian dollars. e=Cents a share. f=Excludes additional 0.08p.

Margins suffer at Nurdin & Peacock

By Michael Clark

The continuing High Street "price war" has taken its toll of Nurdin & Peacock, the cash-and-carry wholesalers.

Figures for the six months to July 1, show turnover up by 13 per cent £110m, while pre-tax profits slid slightly from £1.52m to £1.50m.

However, the board is confident that sales for the full year will again be a record, and that profits for the second half of the year will exceed those of the comparable period last year. But the increase in profits overall, said the group, was expected to be less than 10 per cent.

An interim dividend of 1.3p gross has been declared, against 1.2p.

The results were much in line with market expectations and as a result the shares remained firm at 84p.

While the group carries out a proportion of its business with stores such as Spar and Vivo most of its business is taken up with the small retailer and catering business.

Nurdin has 25 outlets most of which are based in the South of England and the board maintains that its policy of opening new branches and enlarging or replacing existing branches continues. The new outlet at Plymouth is well on schedule and it is anticipated that it should open before Christmas.

Tridant agrees to revised Starwest terms

Shares of Tridant Group Printers were restored on the stock market yesterday following the announcement that agreement on a bid had been reached between Starwest Investment Holdings and Tridant's independent directors

The independent directors of Tridant led by Mr Alban Carey, are now urging shareholders to accept the latest bid from Starwest, a private company run by Mr Remo Dipré, chairman of Tridant, of 85p cash for each ordinary share—compared with a previous offer of 80p—and 50p for each preference share. This gives Tridant an overall value of about £3.8m.

Horizon Midlands riding on the crest of the wave

By Our Financial Staff

Horizon Midlands, the package tours business which does more than 70 per cent of its business in Spain, like Court Line before it, is riding the crest of a boom. But unlike its luckless forebear, Horizon is probably heading for its best year yet. It is also about to do so from a position of strength.

In the half-year to May 31, Horizon hoisted turnover from £5.4m to £9.36m and turned pre-tax losses of £348,452 into profits of £345,434. The strength of this about-turn took the market aback, and the shares rose 3p to 108p a new 1977-78 peak.

The market value of the group is little more than £6m. The last balance sheet showed £3.5m in cash or its equivalent, and since then there has been a £1m rights issue. Most of *this has still to be spent.*

There is nothing in the published statement with which to quibble. The directors say that holidays sold for the present summer are a record; the group expects to carry around 165,000 passengers at an average load factor of more than 90 per cent; the cost of the French air traffic controllers strikes has so far been only £60,000 for meals and hotels; and confirmed bookings for winter are double the year before.

The group adds that in the next week or so the 1979 summer brochure will be out. It will include 35,000 holidays from Luton airport, for the first time. It is pressing ahead with plans to have its own airline by 1980.

For this year profits should be easily the highest ever, which seems to indicate something between £2m and £2.5m. Meanwhile, the interim dividend rises 77.8 per cent to 2.43p gross as forecasts with the issue. For the full year, a total payment *of 5.6p was indicated.*

However, growth will presumably slow down at some stage with the group facing considerable competitive pressure.

Smooth progress at Blackwood Hodge

By Peter Wainwright

Everything at Blackwood Hodge, the Euclid earthmoving equipment distributor, seems to be going to plan. In July, with a £5.8m right issue Mr Bill Shapland, chairman and his colleagues forecast pre-tax profits of at least £8.5m; in fact they rose 12.5 per cent to £8.6m. For the full year, the forecast, as before, is for £18m against £16.6m. The shares duly rested at 71p yesterday.

Mr William Shapland, chairman of Blackwood Hodge.

Sales at £147.8m fell 5.5 per cent. The fall in the UK was 2 per cent, but overseas the drop was 8.6 per cent to £102m. The setback abroad is partly attributed to exchange rate movements. Margins narrowed a bit at home but widened overseas, however.

Operating costs and overheads rose slightly with inflation, but the right issue and lower interest rates brought down borowings by nearly £1m. As indicated the interim is 1.45p gross, an increase of a tenth. The final as promised is to be 1.92p, an increase of 19 per cent. Interim earnings a share, fully-diluted, advanced from 4.19p to 4.56p.

The interim statement adds that meetings should soon be held with Nigerian authorities to effect the sale of a further 20 per cent of the equity in the Nigerian subsidiary to local shareholders.

Offer is likely today for J. Compto

A bid is expected t announced today by t group Carrington Viyella the much-sought-after uni maker, J. Compton, Sor Webb (Holdings).

The terms are understo be 58p a share on a share cash alternative which w give Compton an overall of about £9.87m. Share Compton Webb which were pended last week curr stand at 43p.

While nobody was avai for comment at Carrir Viyella, Lord Chelwood, man of Compton Webb that he was in no positi make any comment at stage.

The bid follows close on heels of a recent approac Vantona, the household tex group, which broke down week. A statement from tona said that it had not pro possible to reach agreem with the Compton board a the level at which an offe be made by Vantona coulc recommended by Compton.

In a letter to sharehol last week Lord Chelwood that it was the wish of directors than Compton W remained independent.

But he went on to tell sh holders that the bid from tona was much too low would be of no benefit to sh holders.

L. Scott aim for late rally

A warning of a sharp back in interim figures Laurence Scott has been gi by Mr Paul Tapscott, chairm in his annual statement.

This is mainly the result of further build up of control ge manufacture during the first s months together with th uneven incidence of maturin contracts.

The year's target, howeve he added, is for this shortfa to be more than recouped du ing the second half, therefor this year should see some ove all progress unless plans g badly wrong.

BICC

Results for half-year to 30th June 1978

based on unaudited figures

	Half-Year to 30th June 1978 £m	Half-Year to 30th June 1977 £m	Year to 31st December 1977 £m
Group Sales	500.6	512.8	997.8
Operating Profit	32.4	28.5	55.5
Finance Charges	4.4	4.7	8.4
Pre-Tax Profit	28.0	23.8	47.1
Taxation	13.2	11.0	21.0
After-Tax Profit	14.8	12.8	26.1
Minority Interests	3.0	3.5	6.8
Attributable Profit	11.8	9.3	19.3
Earnings per Share	7.91p	6.34p	13.16p
	Interim	Interim	Year
Dividends per Share–Net	2.50p	2.25p	7.05p

Pre-tax Profit ■ up 17% due to further improvement in Balfour Beatty contracting activities and the impact of new acquisitions on the results of BICC Industrial Products.

Earnings per Share ■ show an improvement of 25% reflecting the continuing rise in the profits of those operations of the Group, the results of which are entirely attributable to BICC shareholders.

Interim Dividend ■ increased by 11% to 2.50p net per Share.

Outlook ■ present indications are that the level of performance achieved in the first half of 1978 will be maintained during the remainder of the year.

The Interim Dividend of 2.50p net per Share (1977 – 2.25p net per Share) will be paid to Ordinary Shareholders registered in the books of the Company on 10th November, 1978. Warrants will be posted on 29th December, 1978, payable 2nd January, 1979.

BICC

The complete Interim Group Results, including an analysis of performance by Group Company, will be posted to Share and Loan Stock Holders on 11th September, 1978. Further copies are available from the Secretary, BICC Limited, P.O. Box No. 5, 21 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3QN.

Competition hits Diploma

By Rosemary Unsworth

Electronics distributor and engineer, Diploma Investments' margins have been slashed by fierce competition in the electronics field during the year to June 30, 1978. Volume increased by 250 per cent in the group's electronics division, but group pre-tax profits only went up by 14 per cent to £4.6m, on a turnover increase of 24 per cent to £32m.

Nevertheless, Diploma wants to raise its dividends by 75 per cent to 10p in the current year and is looking at dividend legislation which enables companies to increase dividends by more than 10 per cent providing that the cover does not fall below the highest level since 1972. Mr Christopher Thomas, the chairman, said Diploma's reference year would be 1974.

A final dividend of 3.88p gross has been declared for 1978 which with the interim of 1.88p makes a total of 5.7p.

Mr Thomas said that despite a continuation of depressed market conditions throughout the company's operating sectors, he was looking forward to another sound performance for the current year. He took confidence from the knowledge that the company operates "in areas of long term growth prospects and from encouraging orders, sales and profits obtained in the opening weeks of the new financial year".

Last year Diploma's pre-tax profits increased by nearly 60 per cent to £4m.

Bid may be on way for Goldrei

Talks are under way between food manufacturers, CH Goldrei, Fouchard and an unknown suitor which may lead to an offer being made for the company.

The news was enough to send the shares up 15p to 85p yesterday, giving the group an overall value of about £2m.

Early rumours in the stock market suggested that the mystery bidder may be Fitch Lovell, but this idea was quickly rejected by Mr Michael Webster, chairman of Fitch Lovell.

Mr Webster, said that while his group had enough spare cash, it was not going to bid for a company he had "never even heard of".

First-half jump at Ofrex

Promises of record sales and profits for Ofrex Group, manufacturer and distributor of office supplies, were fulfilled with a 45 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £2.4m for the first half to June 30, 1978.

An interim dividend of 1.75p gross, a 10 per cent increase on last year, has been declared and chairman, Mr George Drexler, *hopes to pay a higher final* dividend when the year's results are known. Managing director, Mr Alfred Andrews said yesterday that he expected the full dividend increase to be around 20 per cent.

The group's results, on sales which have increased by 25 per cent to £20m, include a contribution from Howard Wall, taken over at the end of last year. Earnings per share hav jumped to 7.33p from 4.94p.

Mr Drexler said that t group's performance had c tinued.

Second-half prospects a good, but there is little like hood that they will match t increase in the first-half resul although the group is hoping beat last year's record pre-t profits of £3.9m, added M Andrews.

Earlier this year, Mr Drexl said the year's order book w satisfactory and sales a profits, particularly at hom were ahead of last year. But h emphasized the effects of th world recession on expor which duly showed a small profits increase during the fi half for the group.

Lower interest rates aid Provident

Provident Financial, the check-trading group, has continued to benefit from the higher level of business and lower interest rates in the first half of its year to the end of June. On a 23 per cent turnover gain to £95.7m, pre-tax third to £4.1m. Roughly half of this has come from the £546,000 reduction in interest to £2.75m with the remainder the result of the increased level of business.

The group has increased bank borrowings to fund any further upturn in activity which it has already seen starting to come through from the buoyancy of consumer spending. As it is, the recent acquisition of Halifax Insurance, which will benefit the second half, underlines the group's desire to diversify its traditional base while there are high hopes of its planned move into running in-house credit cards for individual store groups. The shares gained 3p to 113p.

Cope Allman Int in new loan scheme

Cope Allman International has concluded a £5m 12-year *loan, of which half has so far* been drawn in order to repay some medium-term loans on which the interest spread was higher than prevailing market rates.

The group has also negotiated two multi-currency facilities, one with Lloyds Bank International for $8m over seven years and the other with Societe Generale for $2m over five years. Of this, $2m has been used to finance the *purchase of Sunbeam Plastics* in the United States.

Strong recovery at Myson

The recovery of Myson Group continues apace. Following up its rally in the second half of last year, this central heating and air conditioning group has turned a loss of £432,000 into a pre-tax profit of £729,000 for the six months to *June 30.* Turnover rose from £19.4m to £23.8m.

Higher sales levels have continued into the second half, and will be aided by production from the new Cardiff radiator plant and improvements in France. If the good industrial relations enjoyed in the first half continue, a further improvement is expected in profits for the second half.

Warning as Jas Beattie soars

After a good first half-year, James Beattie, the Wolverhampton-based group, says that it faces a much sterner test in the second half—which includes Christmas.

On the back of a rise of 19 per cent in turnover to £12.5m, pre-tax profits have leapt 158 per cent to £986,000 in the six months to July 31.

Zetters passes £1m mark: outlook good

Pre-tax profits at Zetters Group have passed the £1m mark for the first time, with a 76 per cent increase to £1.04m in the year to March 31. After deducting betting tax and payments to pools winners totalling £10.3m, against £5.7m, turnover from the football pool activities went up from £3m to £5.4m. Bingo and cinemas added £3.19m to this, against £2.4m, to give a total of £8.6m against £5.4m.

Earnings a share are up from 4.16p to 7.34p and the dividend is raised from 1.76 gross to 1.93p.

Mr Paul Zetter, the chairman, says that current trading is well up to expectations and liquidity remains strong.

Howard & Wyndham loan stock issue

Howard and Wyndham, the *publishers and retail jewellers,* has raised £500,000 through an 18 per cent loan stock at par of 100p. The proceeds, estimated net at £484,000, will be used initially to reduce existing bank overdrafts and to provide additional working capital for the group's United Kingdom operations, according to chairman, Mr Ralph Fields.

Options

Taking its lead from the equity market, traded options had a better day yesterday with 897 contracts traded. Grand Metropolitan was the most active stock, but heavyweight BP, in front of figures tomorrow, saw plenty of trade.

In conventional options, puts were arranged in BP, Bourne & Hollingsworth and Dunlop while ICI, Fitch Lovell and Burmah were among the stocks to have calls produced.

Lancia to 'break even'

From John Earle

Rome

A special shareholders' meet*ing of Fiat in Turin yesterday* unanimously approved the incorporation of Lancia; which will, however, continue to have its own management, models and operational autonomy. Lancia has been a wholly-owned subsidiary since it was bought in 1969 as a rescue operation for the symbolic price of one lira a share from the cement industrialist, Signor Carlo Pesenti. Since then it has continued to lose money, costing Fiat altogether 214,000m lire (£133m). Signor Giovanni Agnelli, Fiat's chairman, said, however, that this year it will break even.

The move was decided in the framework of Fiat's reorganization into a holding company. From January 1 its motor car sector will be hived off into a separate subsidiary company, as has already taken place with its other productive sectors.

Signor Agnelli scotched rumours that he was leaving Fiat preparatory to standing for the European Parliament, handing over to his younger brother, Senator Umberto. Signor Giovanni said that his brother Umberto would in future have more time free from his Parliamentary duties and as vice-chairman would devote himself to the parent holding company's operational management, while he, as chairman, would concern himself with strategy.

EDWARD LE BAS

Sales for half year to July 1, £8.17m (£8.29m). Pre-tax profit, £253,000 (£212,000). Interim is 1.5p gross (1.37p). Profit for year expected to show improvement.

Briefly

BOURNEMOUTH PLACING

Bournemouth Borough Council says that J. and A. Scrimgeour are placing privately an issue of £5m at variable rate redeemable stock 1983 at £99⅜ per cent.

WHITWORTH ELECTRIC

Turnover for year to March 31, £9.06m (£7.9m). Pre-tax profit £266,000 (£202,000). Earnings a share 2.79p (2.12p). Gross dividend, 1.21p gross (1.10p).

LONGTON TRANSPORT

Chairman says group's prosperity will be affected by many factors outside board's control. However, businesses such as Longton can still be expanded, and profits increased, even in difficult times like the present.

APEX PROPERTIES

Turnover for year to March 31 up from £815,000 to £884,000. Pre-tax profits, £406,0000 (£422,000). Earnings per share, 5.54p (5.87p). Total gross dividend, 5.81p (5.3p). Two-for-one scrip issue proposed.

ARMITAGE & RHODES

Turnover for year to March 31, £5.71m (£4.86m). Pre-tax profit, £311,000 (£126,000).

SAVILLE GORDON

Despite a second-half upturn, pre-tax profit fell from £924,000 to £753,000 in 12 months to April 30, but directors expect a significant improvement in current year. Turnover dropped from £25.27m to £17.69m. Earnings a share slipped from 4.0p to 3.3p. Dividend is 2.41p gross (2.19p).

ICFC-EURO

Industrial and Commerc Finance Corp is investing £500,0 in Euro Exhaust Centre Holdin a specialist exhaust fitt company.

WATNEY INT

Watney International has boug through its Belgian subsidiary, per cent of the shares of Br series-Malteries "L'Union", about £2m.

CARLESS EXPLORATION

Carless Exploration (subsidia of Carless, Capel & Leonard) b bought a 38½ per cent stake the Ledger gas field, Montar The $1.28m purchase includes t acquisition of the nearby Lothi prospect.

MERSEY DOCKS

Mersey Docks and Harbou trading profit fell from £3.2m £1.7m for the first half of 19 A downturn in cargo was blam for the reduction.

WM. WHITTINGHAM

Turnover of William Whittin ham (Holdings) rose from £5.3 to £6.46m in half-year to April. Pre-tax profit £36,000 (loss £129,000 last time). No inter dividend (same). Board should b able to recommend an increas first and final dividend.

FCI LOAN TO WARREN

Finance Corporation f Industry (FCI) has agreed to le £1m to Warren Plantation Hol ings, owners of tea, coffee a rubber plantations, towards t acquisition by Warren of Jose Mason & Co. Mason specialises the manufacture of industri paints and the acquisition w afford Warren a further sour of United Kingdom income.

Business appointments

Change at Dunlop Holding

Mr K. J. Johnson has joined the board of Dunlop Holdings, *parent company of the Dunlop group.*

Mr John Collyear, Mr Thomas Honess and Mr Peter Rippon have been made non-executive directors of Herbert Limited, the parent company of Alfred Herbert.

Mr Desmond Pitcher is to b come managing director of Plesse Telecommunications Internatio on October 1.

Mr Jacques Boel has been m a director of Helical Bar.

Mr John O'Sullivan, marke manager, has joined the board Prowting Estates.

Bank statements for August

Statements of the London Clearing Banks and their banking subsidiarie in England and Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man mad up to August are summarized in the table below:

£ millions

	Total	Change in Month	Barclays	Lloyds	Midland	National Westminster	William & Glyn
Total deposits	56,540	+19	14,888	10,073	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash and balances with Bank of Eng	1,183	—288	[illegible]	198	274	[illegible]	[illegible]
Market loans: UK banks and discount market	12,370	+1,371	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Other	7,702	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bills	1,214	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Special deposits	[illegible]	—474	[illegible]	113	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
British Government stocks	2,511	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	118	717	[illegible]
Advances	29,109	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8,631	1,007
Parent banks Reserve ratio (%)	15.1	+0.3	[illegible]	15.7	15.6	12.8	[illegible]

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Japanese shipyards' losses

Four more Japanese shipbuilding companies have decided to pass payment of an interim dividend after suffering heavy losses following the slump in the shipbuilding industry. This brings the total in the week to five.

The four are Ishikawajarima Harima Heavy Industries, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Mitsui Shipbuilding and Engineering and Sumitomo Heavy Industries and follow closely on the heels of Misubishi Heavy Industries.

Ishikawa, which last year paid an interim dividend of 3 yen, stated that sales in its shipbuilding division will be about the 130,000m yen achieved last time with net profits, according to Reuter, falling sharply from 6,500m yen.

Kawasaki, however, also cites heavy exchange losses as well as the slump for its result.

Earlier this week Mitsubishi, which paid an interim in 1977 of 3 yen, said it would have to pass its interim this year because of the sharp setback in its shipbuilding side.

Stevin-Volker

Amsterdam, Sept 5.—Stevin Groep NV and Kininklijke Adriaan Volker Groep NV's shares will probably be relisted tomorrow, following the announcement of plans for a merger.

Stevin expects 1978 net profit will be somewhat higher than 1977's 31.3m fl (about £7.8m). Volker foresees considerably higher net profit this year than 1977's 40m fl (£10m). Combined profit should, therefore, be 85m to 90m fl, they announced jointly to a press conference on their planned merger.—Reuter.

NORSK HYDRO

Norsk Hydro's improvement in turnover and operating profit in the year ended June 30 was mainly the result of increased North Sea production and in particular the start-up of gas deliveries from the Frigg and Ekofisk fields.

HONG KONG & KOWLOON

Hongkong.—Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf reports that private companies controlled by Y. K. Pao have acquired 15 to 20 per cent of company's issued capital.—Reuter.

CONTI-GUMMI

Turnover.—Continental Gummi-Werke's first-half turnover generally was maintained compared with the same year ago period despite strong competition.—Reuter.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
…tronic 12% Cum Pfd (10)	14
…ll C.D.25p Ord (75)	92
…en 12% Red 1985 (£100d)	£50¾
…rn Superfoods 20p Ord (85)	78+1
…glia Wtr 7¾% Pf 1983 (£97½)	£98¼
…urgh Var 1983 (£100)	£98½
…12% 1999-02 (£86g)	£54¾+¼
…ng Petroleum Serv 25p Ord (85)	88+4
… (Ernest) 10p Ord (115)	149+2
…son Bros 11½% Pf (100)	109
…es Plywood 25p Ord (34)	37−1

…TS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
…mn Bros (66‡)	..	5 prem+1
…L (285‡)	..	50 prem
…b (116)	..	16 prem+3
…Des Petroles (110‡)	..	20 prem
…da (63‡)	..	6¼ prem
…l Services (745)	..	10 prem+½
…ervices (77‡)	Oct 27	6½ prem+1
…do Eng (200c)	..	84 prem

…ue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. …ued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 … c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully … g £55 paid.

Bank Base Rates

…BN Bank	10%
…arclays Bank	10%
…CCI Bank	10%
…onsolidated Crdts	10%
… Hoare & Co	*10%
…loyds Bank	10%
…ondon Mercantile	10%
…Midland Bank	10%
…Nat Westminster	10%
…Rossminster	10%
…TSB	10%
…Williams and Glyn's	10%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 6½%, up to £25,000, 7½%, over £25,000 8¼%.

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Wall Street

New York, Sept 5.—The New York stock market closed higher. The *Dow Jones industrial average* was ahead 7.28 points to 886.61. About 835 issues gained, with some 640 lower.

Volume totalled 32,250,000 shares, compared with 35,070,000 shares Friday.

Analysts said there was little in the news background to explain the blue chip gains.

Most of the big brokerage houses have started advising clients either to sell most of their holdings of the gambling stocks or be very wary about chasing them.

Silver gains 2.40c

New York, Sept 5.—COMEX SILVER futures closed just below the highs on speculative buying triggered by firmness in gold futures. Gains extended to 2.40 cents net with nearby December at 568.50 cents and 0.50 cent below its high. Sept, 556.70c; Oct, 560.50c; Nov, 564.50c; Dec, 568.50c; Jan, 572.50c; March, 581.10c; May, [illegible]; July, 598.90c; Sept, 608.00c; Dec, 622.00c; Jan, 626.80c; March, 636.40c; May, 646.10c; July, 655.80c. Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$6.362 (previous Can$6.360). GOLD. Near the close of trading, the spot gold price for London delivery climbed to $215-215.50, up from $209.50-210.00 at London's close and above Friday's late rate of $210.50-211.00. NY COMEX. Sept, $213.10; Oct, $214.50; Nov, $216.00; Dec, $217.60; Feb, $221.00; April, $224.50; June, $228.00; Aug, $231.60; Oct, $235.20; Dec, $238.80; Feb, $242.10; April, $246.00; June, $249.60. CHICAGO IMM. Sept, $215.50 asked; Dec, $217.50-217.80; March, $223.00-222.60 asked; June, $228.00-227.80; Sept, $235.40; Dec, $238.70; March, $244.70; June, $250.00. COPPER futures closed barely steady between 45 and 60 points up. Sept, 63.40c; Oct, 63.95c; Nov, 64.35c; Dec, 65.15c; Jan, 65.60c; March, 66.60c; May, 67.45c; July, 68.25c; Sept, 69.05c; Dec, 70.05c; Jan, 70.45c; March, 71.15c; May, 71.95c; July, 72.50c. SUGAR futures in No 11 contract were: Oct, 7.65-67c; Jan, 8.05-25c; March, 8.56-58c; May, 8.60c; July, 8.80-82c; Sept, 9.05c; Oct, 9.15-16c; Jan, 9.20-40c. COTTON futures were: Oct, 63.15-26c; Dec, 65.26-35c; March, 67.15c; May, 67.70c; July, 67.84-85c; Oct, 65.55-85c; Dec, 65.70c. COCOA futures were up 0.05c to 1.10c. Sept, 162.10c; Dec, 161.10c; March, 158.05c; May, 154.70c; July, 152.20c; Sept, 149.85c; Dec, 146.95c. COFFEE in "C" contract were: Sept, 160.00c; Dec, 150.00-75c; March, 140.96c; May, 136.45c; July, 134.50c asked; Sept, 133.00c; Dec, 130.00c asked. CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Oil futures closed off 0.72 to 0.15 cents a lb while Meal futures ended $6.50 to $2.40 a ton lower. SOYABEANS. Sept, 658c; Nov, 651-50c; Jan, 656½-56c; March, 645-45½c; May, 647-48c; July, 643-49c; Aug, 644c. SOYABEAN OIL. Sept, 25.85-90c; Oct, 24.80-85c; Dec, 23.85-90c; Jan, 23.70-60c; March, 23.45c; May, 23.25-30c; July, 23.00-23.05c; Aug, 22.80c. SOYABEAN MEAL. Sept, $165.10-4.80; Oct, $166.00-6.20; Dec, $168.50-8.30; Jan, $169.50-9.30; March, $171.60-1.80; May, $172.50; July, $174.00; Aug, $174.00-4.50. CHICAGO GRAINS: WHEAT: Sept, 334¼-¼c; Dec, 329¼-⅛c; March, 327¼-⅛c; May, 322¼-⅛c; July, 307c; Sept, 310c nominal. CORN: Sept, 212¾-12c; Dec, 230¼-⅛c; March, 229¾-½c; May, 235½c; July, 238½c; Sept, 239½c. OATS: Sept, 125c; Dec, 134¾c; March, 141¾c; May, 145¼c; July, 147¼c nominal.

	Sept 5	Sept 4
Allied Chem	39	39¼
Allied Stores	27⅛	27⅜
Allied Supmkt	2⅝	2¾
Allis Chalmers	37⅛	37⅜
Alcoa	46	45⅝
Amax Inc	48	48¼
Amerada Hess	28½	28⅛
Am Airlines	18¼	17⅞
Am Brands	50⅜	50⅝
Am Broadcast	39⅝	39
Am Can	40⅝	41¼
Am Cyanamid	31½	31½
Am Elec Power	23½	23⅝
Am Home	31⅛	31⅝
Am Motors	6½	6⅞
Am Nat Res	43⅝	44⅝
Am Standard	51⅝	52
Am Telephone	60⅝	60¼
AMF Inc	19⅝	19⅝
Armco Steel	31½	31⅛
Asarco	14⅞	15⅛
Ashland Oil	38⅛	38½
Atlntic Richfield	51⅝	51¼
Avco	33⅞	32⅞
Avon Products	60⅛	59⅝
Babcock & Wcox	59⅝	59⅝
Bankers Tst NY	37½	37½
Bank of America	28⅜	27⅞
Bank of NY	34⅞	35⅝
Beatrice Foods	27⅛	27½
Bell & Howell	22	22⅝
Bendix	40⅞	40½
Bethlehem Steel	23⅝	23
Boeing	74	73¼
Boise Cascade	32	33½
Borden	29⅞	29⅜
Borg Warner	32½	32⅝
Bristol Myers	38	38⅛
BI	17⅛	17⅛
Burlington Ind	21⅝	21
Burlington Nthn	43⅛	43
Burroughs	86⅞	85
Campbell Soup	38⅛	37⅞
Canadian Pacific	21	20¼
Caterpillar	61⅛	60½
Celanese	42⅛	41⅝
Central Sova	16	15⅝
Charter NY	32⅞	32⅞
Chase Manhat	33⅞	33⅜
Chem Bank NY	40⅝	40⅝
Chesapeake Ohio	29⅝	30
Chrysler	12	11⅞
Citicorp	20⅞	20⅝
Cities Service	50⅜	50
Clark Equip	38⅝	38⅝
Coca Cola	44⅞	45
Colgate	21⅛	21
CBS	59⅝	58⅝
Columbia Gas	29⅝	29½
Combustion Eng	41⅛	41⅛
Comwlth Edison	27½	27¼
Cons Edison	23⅞	23⅝
Cons Foods	24½	24⅜
Cons Power	23⅞	23⅝
Continental Grp	32⅝	32⅝
Continental Oil	28⅛	28⅝
Control Data	41⅞	41
Corning Glass	60⅛	60
CPC Intnl	52½	52
Crane	34⅞	35
Crocker Int	28⅛	28½
Crown Zeller	35⅛	36⅝
Dart Ind	47⅞	47⅜
Deere	39⅛	39⅜
Del Monte	39⅛	39⅛
Delta Air	55	53
Detroit Edison	16⅝	16½
Disney	43⅛	43⅛
Dow Chemical	25⅜	27½
Dresser Ind	42⅝	42⅝
Duke Power	19⅝	19⅞
Du Pont	128⅛	125½
Eastern Air	14⅛	14¼
Eastman Kodak	64⅛	63½
Eaton Corp	40	39⅝
El Paso Nat Gas	17⅞	17⅞
Equitable Life	20	20½
Esmark	29	29½
Evans P. D.	25⅝	25⅛
Exxon Corp	51	49⅞
Fed Dept Stores	38½	38¼
Firestone	12½	12⅝
Fst Chicago	23⅜	23⅜
Fst Nat Boston	31⅛	31⅛

	Sept 5	Sept 4
Fst Penn Corp	16⅛	16⅝
Ford	44½	44⅝
GAF Corp	13⅞	13⅞
Gamble Skogmo	30⅛	35¼
Gen Dynamics	80½	80½
Gen Electric	53⅝	54
Gen Foods	33	32⅞
Gen Mills	30⅞	31
Gen Motors	63⅛	62¾
Gen Pub Util NY	17⅞	17⅞
Gen Tel Elec	30⅝	30⅝
Gen Tire	30½	30⅝
Genesco	6½	6¾
Georgia Pacific	31⅛	31
Getty Oil	40	40
Gillette	31⅛	31½
Goodrich	20	19¾
Goodyear	17⅛	17⅛
Gould Inc	32⅞	33⅞
Grace	27⅜	27⅞
Gt Atlic & Pacific	7⅛	7⅝
Greyhound	14	13⅝
Grumman Corp	21⅛	21⅛
Gulf Oil	24⅞	24⅝
Gulf & West	15⅝	16⅛
Heinz H. J.	42	42¼
Hercules	16⅛	16⅝
Honeywell	70⅝	69
IC Inds	31	31
Ingersoll	59⅛	59⅛
Inland Steel	37	36⅛
IBM	298½	293½
Int Harvester	43⅝	43⅜
INCO	16⅛	16⅝
Int Paper	48½	45⅞
Int Tel Tel	33⅜	32⅞
Jewel Co	24	24
Jim Walter	32⅛	32⅞
Johns-Manville	32½	32⅝
Johnson & John	85	85
Kaiser Alumin	34⅞	35
Kennecott	24	24⅛
Kerr McGee	40⅛	48⅝
Kimberly Clark	47⅛	47⅛
Kraftco Corp	47⅛	46⅝
K Mart	28⅛	27⅞
Kroger	34⅛	34⅝
Liggett Group	35⅝	35
L.T.V. Corp	11⅝	11⅛
Litton	20⅛e	20⅝
Lockheed	32⅞	32½
Lucky Stores	17⅞	17⅞
Manuf Hanover	35⅝	35⅝
Mapco	33⅝	33⅝
Marathon Oil	47⅝	47½
Marine Midland	15⅝	15⅞
Martin Marietta	32⅝	32⅞
McDonnell	37⅞	37⅞
Mead	32⅝	32⅞
Memorex	51⅞	51⅞
Merck	62⅜	61¼
Minnesota Mng	63	62⅞
Mobil Oil	68⅛	68
Monsanto	57⅞	56½
Morgan J. P.	49⅞	50⅞
Motorola	49⅛	48½
NCR Corp	66⅝	64⅝
NL Industries	23⅝	23⅞
Nabisco	26⅛	26
Nat Distillers	21⅞	21⅛
Nat Steel	32⅞	32⅞
Norfolk West	20⅞	28
NW Bancorp	26⅞	26⅝
Norton Simon	19⅝	19⅞
Occidental Pet	20⅞	21⅛e
Ogden	31½	30⅝
Olin Corp	16⅝	16½
Owens-Illinois	22⅝	22½
Pacific Gas Elec	24½	24½
Pan Am	8⅝	8½
Penney J. C.	38⅛	38½
Pennzoil	30⅛	28⅝
Pepsico	31⅝	31⅝
Pet Inc	34⅝	34⅝
Pfizer	35⅝	35⅛
Phelps Dodge	22½	22
Philip Morris	72⅜	71½
Phillips Petrol	32½	32⅞
Polaroid	54⅛	53⅝
PPG Ind	29	29
Proctor Gamble	87	87
Pub Ser El & Gas	23½	23½
Pullman	44⅝	44⅛
Rapid American	15	14⅞

	Sept 5	Sept 4
Raytheon	54⅛	52
RCA Corp	33⅛	33⅞
Republic Steel	24⅞	24⅝
Reynolds Ind	58⅛	59
Reynolds Metal	32⅞	31½
Rockwell Int	34⅛	34⅛
Royal Dutch	64⅛	63⅞
Safeways	43⅝	43½
St Regis Paper	32⅞	32½
Santa Fe Ind	35½	35
SCM	20⅞	20⅛
Schlumberger	90⅛	90⅞
Scott Paper	16⅞	16⅝
Seaboard Coast	31⅝	31
Seagram	24⅞	24½
Sears Roebuck	22½	22⅝
Shell Oil	34½	34⅛
Shell Trans	44⅝	45
Signal Co	36⅛	35½
Singer	18⅛	18⅝
Sony	7⅛	7⅛
Sth Cal Edison	26⅛	26
Southern Pacific	31⅛	31½
Southern Rly	54½	54⅞
Sperry Rand	47⅞	47⅞
Std Brands	29⅞	29⅞
Std Oil California	46⅛	44½
Std Oil Indiana	49½	49⅞
Std Oil Ohio	37	38⅝
Sterling Drug	17⅛	17⅛
Stevens J. P.	17	17⅛
Stude Worth	63⅛	64⅝
Sunbeam Corp	22⅞	22
Sun Comp	44⅝	44½
Teledyne	105⅛	105
Tenneco	30⅛	30⅞
Texaco	25⅜	24⅞
Texas East Corp	38⅛	38⅞
Texas Inst	87½	86⅞
Texas Utilities	21	21⅛
Textron	32⅛	32⅛
TWA	20½	20
Travelers Corp	38	37⅞
TRW Inc	41	41
UAL Inc	44⅞	42
Unilever Ltd	43	43
Unilever NV	60⅛	59⅞
Union Bancorp	26⅞	27
Union Carbide	41⅛	40⅞
Union Oil Calif	50	49⅝
Un Pacific Corp	54⅛	53½
Uniroyal	7⅛	7⅝
United Brands	13⅞	13⅞
US Industries	10½	10½
US Steel	29⅛	28⅝
Utd Technol	49⅛	48⅝
Wachovia	16⅝	19
Warner Comm	50⅝	50⅞
Warner Lambert	28⅜	28½
Wells Fargo	32⅛	32⅛
West'n Bancorp	42⅞	42⅞
Westinghse Elec	22⅞	22⅞
Weyerhauser	30⅛	30
Whirlpool	22⅞	22⅞
White Motor	12⅛	12
Woolworth	21⅞	21½
Xerox Corp	59⅛	58⅝
Zenith	17⅞	17⅞

Canadian Prices

	Sept 5	Sept 4
Abitibi	16⅝	17
Alcan Alumin	36⅛	36⅛
Algoma Steel	23⅛	23⅛
Bell Telephone	59⅛	59⅛
Cominco	29⅛	28⅞
Cons Bathurst	34⅛	34⅞
Falconbridge	27⅞	27⅞
Gulf Oil	34⅞	36⅝
Hawker/Sid Can	8.88	8.88
Hudson Bay Min	19	19⅛
Hudson Bay Oil	48½	49½
Imasco	36⅞	36⅞
Imperial Oil	22⅛	22½
Int Pipe	17	16⅞
Mass.-Fergsn	13⅞	13
Royal Trust	19	19
Seagram	27⅞	28
Steel Co	26⅞	25⅞
Talcorp	10⅛	10⅛
Thomson N 'A'	14⅛	14⅛
Walker Hiram	38⅛	38⅝
WCT	12	12

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9420 (1.9570); three months, 1.9284 (1.9455); Canadian dollar, 86.85 (87.00).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 377.31. The futures index was 374.24.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 886.61 (879.33); transportation, 254.67 (251.61); utilities, 107.44 (107.21); 65 stocks, 308.67 (306.13).

New York Stock Exchange Index, 58.91 (58.54); industrials, 64.71 (64.22); transportation, 51.19 (50.54); utilities, 39.72 (39.71); financial, 65.50 (65.06).

Commodities

COPPER: Cash wire bars and three months both fell by £7. Afternoon: Cash wire bars, £731.50-32.00 a metric ton; three months, £746.50-47.00. Sales, 3,950. Cash cathodes, £720-721; *three months, £737-738. Sales, 300* tons. Morning: Cash wire bars, £734-34.50; three months, £747.50-48.00. Settlement, £734.50. Sales, 6,000 tons. Cash cathodes, £722-723; three months, £738-739. Settlement, £723. Sales, 600 tons.

SILVER was steady. Bullion market (fixing levels): Spot, 286.1p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 556.2c); three months, 293.0p (565.5c); six months, 300.9p (577.0c); one year, 316.4p (600.1c). London Metal Exchange: Afternoon: Cash, 285.9-86.1; three months, 292.7-92.9p. Sales, 93 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning: Cash, 286.3-86.4p; three months, 293.2-93.3p. Settlement, 286.4p. Sales, 28 lots.

TIN continued to advance standard cash putting on £112.50 at three months gaining £76.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,980-90 a metric ton; three months, £6,885-90. Sales, 900 tons. High grade, cash, £6,980-90; three months, £6,900-10. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,940-45; three months, £6,840-45. Settlement, £6,945. Sales, 1,200 tons. High grade, cash, £6,940-50; three months, £6,855-65. Settlement, £6,950. Sales, 10 tons. Singapore, tin closed for holiday.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £339.50-40.50 per metric ton; three months, £345-45.50. Sales, 1,450 tons. Morning.—Cash, £340-40.50; three months, £344.50-45.00. Settlement, £340.50. Sales, 3,000 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £318-319 a metric ton; three months, £326.50-27.00. Sales, 950 tons. Morning.—Cash, £318.50-19.00; three months, £327-27.50. Settlement, £319. Sales, 1,000 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £135.65 ($263.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was quiet (pence per kilo): Oct, 57.80-58.40; Nov, 58-59.40; Oct-Dec, 59.15-59.30; Jan-March, 61.25-61.40; April-June, 63.20-63.30; July-Sept, 64.80-65.00; Oct-Dec, 66.50-66.60; Jan-March, 68.15-68.30; April-June, 69.80-69.95. Sales: 87 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 57.75-58.50; Cifs, Oct, 59-59.25; Nov, 59.50-59.90.

COFFEE: Robustas were easier: arabicas were dull.—ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton): Sept, 1,585-1,590; Nov, 1,532-34; Jan, 1,461-63; March, 1,339-1,405; May, 1,365-75; July, 1,340-50; Sept, 1,320-30. Sales: 3,112 lots including 32 options. ARABICAS: All positions unquoted.

COCOA was barely steady (£ per metric ton).—Sept, 1,910-17; Dec, 1,909-10; March, 1,903-05; May, 1,896-98; July, *1,870-84*; Sept, 1,848-50; *Dec*, 1,828-40. Sales: 8,112 lots including 8 options. ICCO prices unavailable due to United States holiday.

SUGAR: The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged at £99; the "whites" price was £2.50 higher at £106. Futures were barely steady (£ per metric ton).—Oct, 99.30-99.40; Dec, 101.25-101.35; March, 108.55-108.60; May, 112.25-112.40; Aug, 116.40-116.60; Oct, 119.90-120.05; Dec, 123.75-124.00. Sales, 2,485 lots. ISA prices: 7.77c; 15-day average 7.35c.

SOYABEAN MEAL steady (£ per metric ton).—Oct, 112.30-12.50; Dec, 114.50-14.60; Feb, 115.90-16.10; April, 116.70-17.30; June, 117.50-18.50; Aug, 118-21.00; Oct, 118-22. Sales, 125 lots.

JUTE was steady. Bangladesh white "C" grade, Sept-Oct, $483 per long ton. "D" grade, Sept-Oct, $467.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Sept £91 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Sept, £81.75; Oct, £82.25; Nov, £83.50 trans-shipment east coast sellers.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: Sept, £100.75; Oct, £101.25 trans-shipment east coast sellers. South African white: Sept-Oct, £58.50 Glasgow. South African yellow: Sept-Oct, £59 Glasgow sellers.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was irregular: Sept, £78.50; Nov, £80.60; Jan, £83.35; March, £85.75; May, £88.35. Sales: 147 lots.

WHEAT was irregular: Sept, £85.40; Nov, £87.55; Jan, £90.35; March, £92.90; May, £95.40. Sales: 397 lots.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices.—

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
N. E. England	£83	£78.50	£74.90
Berks, Oxon	£84	£77.50	£74

Meat Commission: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on Sept 5.—GB: Cattle 69.76p per KGLW (−0.49). UK: Sheep 138.3p per KG ESTDCW (−2.5). GB: Pigs 64.1p per KGLW (+2.9). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 5.9 per cent, average price 69.02p (−0.56). Sheep numbers down 13.9 per cent, average price 138.4p (−2.3). Pig numbers down 28.0 per cent, average price 64.1p (+3.1). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 10.7 per cent, average price 71.97p (−0.64). Sheep numbers down 17.2 per cent average price 126.9p (−4.3). Pig numbers up 8.3 per cent, average price 64.3p (+0.4).

EGGS (The London Egg Exchange).—In home-produced the market is settling down after the holiday and a good demand has developed for all sizes.

Home-produced market prices (in £ per 120, based on trading packer/first-hand):

	Wed/Thur/Fri	Mon/Tues
White		
1's	3.50 to 3.80	3.50 to 4.00
2's	3.00 to 3.30	3.10 to 3.80
3's	2.50 to 2.80	2.65 to 3.90
4's	2.40 to 2.60	2.60 to 3.85
5's	2.00 to 2.20	2.10 to 2.40
6's	1.80 to 2.00	1.90 to 3.00
7's	1.30 to 1.60	1.40 to 1.60
Brown		
1's	4.40 to 4.80	4.60 to 5.00
2's	3.80 to 4.20	4.20 to 4.60
3's	3.00 to 3.30	3.30 to 3.80
4's	2.70 to 2.90	2.80 to 3.10

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

TEA.—Demand was good and general for the offerings of 51.75 packages at the weekly auction. Selected bright African advanced 2p to 4p a kilo and on occasions more. Brighter sorts often gained several pence but plainer sorts were irregular and sometimes lower. Plainest descriptions were well supported at dearer levels and there was a strong and more general demand for tea from Sri Lanka. Poor leaf brokens remained weak. Brokens orange Pekoe fannings and brighter sorts were 5p to 10p per kilo dearer. Dusts were strong. In South Indian there was fairly good demand for well made sorts but plainest were neglected.

Foreign Exchange

Down again at first, the dollar staged a modest technical rally from recent depressed levels yesterday.

The pound met further selling as election uncertainty remained *unresolved following* Mr Callaghan's Brighton speech, falling to $1.9400 at one stage before closing off the bottom at $1.9425 (overnight 1.9465). A little Bank of England support was noted at the lower levels. The currency basket level ended unchanged at 62.3.

Swiss francs closed at 1.6200 (1.6020); the D mark at 1.9830 *(1.9800) and the French franc at* 4.3440 (4.3276). The yen closed at 190.10 (190.35).

Gold lost $1.50 an ounce to close in London at $209.875.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) September 5	Market rates (close) September 5
New York	$1.9400-9490	$1.9420-9430
Montreal	$2.2350-2515	$2.2355-2365
Amsterdam	4.16¼-19¼fl	4.17¼-18¼fl
Brussels	60.50-83f	60.70-80f
Copenhagen	10.58-62k	10.60½-61½k
Frankfurt	3.83¾-86½m	3.85-86m
Lisbon	87.25-88.50e	88.10-50e
Madrid	142.40-65p	142.50-60p
Milan	1.612-16lr	1.613½-14½lr
Oslo	10.13-16½k	10.14-15k
Paris	8.39½-44½f	8.43½-44½f
Stockholm	8.58½-60½k	8.59-60k
Tokyo	367-75y	369-71y
Vienna	27.70-90sch	27.80-85sch
Zurich	3.10-16½f	3.14½-15½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was unchanged at 62.3 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.55-.45c prem	1.47-1.37c prem
Montreal	.60-.50c prem	1.50-1.40c prem
Amsterdam	2⅜-1⅜c prem	6½-5½c prem
Brussels	20-10c prem	60-50c prem
Copenhagen	1½-3⅝ore disc	2⅞-4⅞ore disc
Frankfurt	3⅜-2⅜pf prem	8⅞-7⅞pf prem
Lisbon	75-175c disc	210-510c disc
Madrid	120-220c disc	320-420c disc
Milan	1-3lr disc	6-8lr disc
Oslo	1¼ore prem-¾ore disc	3¼-1¼ore prem
Paris	2½-1½c prem	6-5c prem
Stockholm	3¼-1¼ore prem	9-7ore prem
Vienna	15-6gro prem	38-28gro prem
Zurich	3¾-2¾c prem	9¾-8¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.8884-87.

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 8¼-8⅛; seven days, 8⅜-8¼; one month, 8⅝-8½; three months, 8¾-9; six months, 9⅛-9.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $211.2 (an ounce); pm, $209.45.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $215¾-217¾ (£110¾-111¾); resident, $216¾-218¾ (£111¼-112¾).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $57½-59½ (£29½-30½); resident, $60¼-62¼ (£31-32).

Discount market

In another quiet session on Lombard Street yesterday credit tended to be just a little plentiful, so the Bank of England mopped up by selling a moderate amount of Treasury bills directly to the discount houses, and seemed to have overdone the treatment slightly.

So rates were dearer in the closing minutes than they had been earlier in the session. Early rates were called 8½ to 8⅝ per cent and, after a slight easing to 8¼ to 8⅛ per cent, followed by a firmer inclination up to 8⅝ to 8¾ per cent.

After the Bank had siphoned off excess liquidity, one or two tighter spots appeared and 9 per cent was being asked for some final balances.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10%
(Last changed 8/6/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 8½ Low 8
Week Fixed: 8⅝-8¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%) Buying		Selling	
2 months	9	2 months	8⅞
3 months	9 1/32	3 months	8 29/32

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%)		Trades (Dis%)	
2 months	9¼-9⅛	3 months	9¾
3 months	9 3/32-9 1/32	4 months	9⅞
4 months	9¼-9 3/16	6 months	10
6 months	9⅜-9¼		

Local Authority Bonds			
1 month	9¼-9⅛	7 months	9⅞-9¾
2 months	9¼-9⅛	8 months	9⅞-9¾
3 months	9½-9⅜	9 months	10-9⅞
4 months	9⅝-9½	10 months	10-9⅞
5 months	9¾-9⅝	11 months	10-9⅞
6 months	9⅞-9¾	12 months	10⅛-9⅞

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)			
1 month	9 5/16-9 3/16	6 months	9⅞-9 13/16
3 months	9⅝-9½	12 months	10 1/16-9 15/16

Local Authority Market (%)			
2 days	8½	3 months	9¾
7 days	8¾	6 months	9⅞
1 month	9	1 year	10

Interbank Market (%)			
Overnight: Open	8½-8¼	Close	10
1 week	8⅞-8¾	6 months	9⅞-9¾
1 month	9⅛-9	9 months	9⅞-9¾
3 months	9⅝-9½	12 months	10-9⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)			
3 months	9⅞	6 months	10

Finance House Base Rate 10%

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)	Bid	Offer
Australia 7½ 1984	92¾	93⅝
Australia 8¾ 1992	94¼	94¾
Aust Mining 9¼ 1993	99	99½
Avco 9¾ 1985	100¼	100¾
Avco 9¾ 1985	100⅜	100⅝
Barclays 8½ 1992	95½	96
Bowater 9¼ 1993	98⅞	99½
British Gas 9 1981	100	100½
Citicorp 8¾ 1980	95¾	96¼
Citicorp 7 1981	95	95½
CECA 8¾ 1997	95¾	96¼
DSM 8¾ 1987	95¼	95¾
EIB 8½ 1988	96	96½
EIB 8¾ 1993	95⅝	96¼
Eurofima 8½ 1988	96	96½
Fisons 8¼ 1992	93⅞	93⅞
ICI 8¼ 1987	95½	96
INCO 8¾ 1984	95¼	96¼
INCO 9 1993	97¼	97¾
ITEL 9¼ 1988	100⅝	100¾
IU O/Seas 8¾ 1987	96	95½
Light Services 9 1983	98	98½
MacMillan Bloedel 9 1992	97¾	98¼
Midland Int 8¾ 1992	97¼	97¾
NCB 8 1987	94¼	94¾
Nat West 9 1986	101¼	102¼
NZ Forest Prod 9 1986	99⅝	100⅛
Norsk Hydro 7¾ 1982	96	96½
Occidental 8½ 1983	96¾	97¼
Occidental 8¾ 1987	96¼	96¾
Offshore Mining 8¾ 1985	95⅞	96⅜
Rank Hovis 9 1992	94⅝	95⅛
R/ J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982	96⅝	97¼
Shell 8¾ 1990	98¾	99¼
SNCF 8¾ 1984	96⅞	96⅞
Sparbankernas 8¾ 1988	97	97½
Sweden 7¾ 1983	95⅛	95⅝
Sweden 8¼ 1987	95⅛	95⅝
Tauernautobahn 8¾ 1987	97½	98
Walter Kidde 8½ 1985	95¾	96¼
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Andelsbanken 8¾ 1984	98	98½
CCF 9 7/16 1985	99⅝	100⅛
IBJ 8¾ 1982	99¾	99⅞
LTCB 9 7/16 1982	99⅝	100⅛
OKB 9¼ 1983	99¾	100¼
Williams & Glyns 9¼ 1984	99⅛	99⅝
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9¼ 1982	97¼	97¾
BM-RT 9¾ 1983	96¼	96¾
Ford 8½ 1984	96½	97
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	96½	97
Rank 9¾ 1982	98¼	98¾
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	97½	98
DEUTSCHE MARKS		
CFP 6½ 1984	103½	105
ICI 6¾ 1987	103	104
New Zealand 6¼ 1984	103½	104¼
Phryn 6¾ 1989	99¾	100¼
Quebec Hydro 6½ 1987	103	103½
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¾ 1987	87	88½
Babcock & Wilcox 7 1992	116	118
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	101½	103
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1992	118½	120
Beecham 6¾ 1992	111	112
Borden 5 1992	98	99½
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	74½	76
Carnation 5 1988	75	76½
Dart 4¾ 1987	83	85½
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	88	89½
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	77½	79
Firestone 5 1988	78½	80
Ford 5 1988	82½	84
General Electric 4¼ 1987	85½	87
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76½	78
Gould 5 1987	129	130½
Gulf & Western 5 1988	88	89½
Harris 5 1992	315	317
Honeywell 6 1986	86	87½
ICI 6¾ 1992	94½	95½
INA 6 1997	97	98½
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	113½	115
ITT 4½ 1987	79	80½
Jusco 6 1992	134½	136½
Komatsu 7½ 1990	144½	145½
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	148	150
Nabisco 5½ 1988	103½	104
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	123½	125
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	75½	77
Revlon 4¾ 1987	138	139½
Reynolds Metal 5 1988	85	86½
Sandvik 6¾ 1988	115	117
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1987	97½	99
Squibb 4¾ 1987	82½	84
Texaco 4¾ 1988	76½	78
Texas Int. Airlines 7½ 1993	101¼	102¼
Toshiba 6¾ 1992	136¼	137¼
Tyco 8½ 1988	105¼	106½
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	89½	91
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	80	81½
Warner Lambert 4½ 1988	76½	78
Xerox 5 1988	75½	77

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
…56	29	Airsprung Ord	66	—	5.5	8.2	8.7
…03	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	188	—	18.5	9.8	—
…46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	45	—	3.6	8.0	8.2
…30	105	Bardon Hill	180	—	12.0	6.7	9.8
…40	51	Deborah Ord	140	+5	5.6	4.0	8.7
…39	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	239	+3	17.5	7.3	—
…47	120	Frederick Parker	129	—	12.4	9.6	5.1
…53	135	George Blair	150	+1	15.0	10.0	5.6
…58	36	Jackson Group	54	—	5.0	9.2	6.3
…16	55	James Burrough	115	+3	6.5	5.7	10.6
…40	188	Robert Jenkins	310	—	29.7	9.6	5.1
…24	9	Twinlock Ord	20	—	—	—	17.9
…32	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	77	—	12.0	15.6	—
…83	54	Unilock Holdings	80	—	7.4	9.3	8.6
…20	67	Walter Alexander	118xd	+1	7.2	6.1	7.3

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

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Insurance Bonds and Funds

[illegible]

Offshore and International Funds

[illegible]

Stock Exchange Prices

Sharp equity rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Sept 4. Dealings End, Sept 15. § Contango Day, Sept 18. Settlement Day, Sept 26

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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BRITISH FUNDS

1977/78 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
107	95⅝	Treas	11½% 1979	101⅛	• ..	11.344	8.672
97¾	84¹⁵⁄₁₆	Treas	3% 1979	95⅞	•-1/16	2.139	7.572
98¾	89⅝	Elec	4¼% 1974-79	96⅝	• ..	4.433	8.435
106¹⁵⁄₁₆	33½	Treas	10½% 1979	100¾	+1/16	10.423	9.731
94⅞	84⅞	Elec	3½% 1976-79	95¾	+⅛	3.671	7.622
106¾	97¹¹⁄₁₆	Treas Cnv 9% 1980		99⅝	+1/16	9.084	9.717
105¾	88⅝	Treas	9½% 1980	99	+1/16	9.596	10.142
96	83⅝	Treas	3½% 1977-80	93⅞	+⅛	3.737	7.405
96¼	83⅝	Fund	5¼% 1978-80	93¾	+⅛	5.599	9.145
112⅝	96⅞	Exch	13% 1980	103¹³⁄₁₆	+⅛	12.520	10.984
105⅝	92⅞	Treas	11½% 1981	100¹³⁄₁₆	+⅛	11.408	11.086
94⅝	77⁹⁄₁₆	Treas	3½% 1979-81	89¾	+⅛	3.905	8.272
104	88¹¹⁄₁₆	Treas	9¾% 1981	97⁷⁄₁₆	•+⅛	10.042	11.115
97⁷⁄₁₆	91¹⁵⁄₁₆	Exch	8¼% 1981	93⅝	+⅛	8.812	10.977
110⅛	94⅝	Exch	9½% 1981	95¾	+1/16	9.918	11.343
92¼	85⅝	Exch	3% 1981	86⅛	+⅛	3.483	8.401
113⁵⁄₁₆	96¼	Exch	12¾% 1981	103⅝	+1/16	12.307	11.337
100⅝	83¾	Treas	8½% 1980-82	93⅛	+¼	9.128	10.982
93⅛	72⅞	Treas	3% 1982	84⅛	+⅛	3.539	8.169
118⅝	101⅛	Treas	14% 1982	107¹¹⁄₁₆	•+1/16	12.997	11.308
98⅝	89¹¹⁄₁₆	Treas	8¼% 1982	91⅛	+1/16	9.049	11.132
103⅝	91⅛	Exch	9¼% 1982	92¹¹⁄₁₆	•+1/16	9.978	11.569
96¹⁵⁄₁₆	88⅞	Exch	8¾% 1983	90⅝	+1/16	9.639	11.503
87¾	78⅝	Exch	3% 1983	81⅛	-1/16	3.689	7.937
114¼	95⅝	Treas	12% 1983	101⅛	•+1/16	11.798	11.509
101⅝	90⅝	Treas	9½% 1983	91⁷⁄₁₆	+1/16	10.116	11.698
97¹⁄₁₆	83	Exch	10% 1983	94⅝	+½	10.738	11.785
95	72⅞	Fund	5½% 1982-84	83¼	+⅛	6.672	9.783
99⅝	77⅞	Treas	8¼% 1984-86	86⅞	+⅛	9.714	10.909
87⅝	67	Fund	6½% 1985-87	80⅝	+½	8.323	10.403
92¼	68⅝	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	81⅛	+½	9.580	11.073
74⅞	49⅝	Trans	3% 1978-88	64⅛	+⅛	4.699	8.509
75⅛	54⅛	Treas	5% 1986-89	66⅞	+⅛	7.561	10.148
120½	90⅝	Treas	13% 1990	106⅝	+½	12.472	12.289
93½	67⅞	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	81⅛	+¼	10.349	11.417
111	90⅝	Treas	11¾% 1991	97⅞	+½	12.299	12.404
77⅞	54	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	65	•+⅛	8.789	10.857
117	88⅝	Treas	12¾% 1992	103	+½	12.578	12.622
96⅝	84⅛	Treas	10% 1992	86⅞	+½	11.671	12.184
113	89⅝	Exch	12¼% 1992	98⅝	+½	12.460	12.504
115½	84⅝	Treas	12½% 1993	101⅛	+½	12.368	12.371
77⅞	51⅞	Fund	6% 1993	62⅛	•+⅛	9.636	11.271
126	96	Treas	13¾% 1993	110⅞	+½	12.896	12.742
125⅛	99	Treas	14½% 1994	112	+½	12.976	12.745
114⅛	94⅝	Exch	12½% 1994	99⅝	+½	12.616	12.636
96⅛	80½	Treas	9% 1994	81½	+¼	11.435	11.909
110⅛	93	Treas	12% 1995	97½	+½	12.494	12.563
51⅞	35⅛	Gas	3% 1990-95	46⅛	+¼	6.640	9.701
91⅝	83⅝	Exch	10¾% 1995	88⅝	+½	12.019	12.342
119⅛	87⅛	Treas	12¾% 1995	104⅛	+½	12.656	12.630
91⅝	67	Treas	9% 1992-96	77⅝	•+⅛	11.567	12.076

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THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 05.09.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1935):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	221.02	6.23	11.66	216[illegible]
Largest Coys.	224.54	[illegible]	11.11	219[illegible]
Smaller Coys.	205.[illegible]	7.00	13.42	200[illegible]
Capital Goods	[illegible]	6.64	11.15	229[illegible]
Consumer Goods	225.79	6.74	11.79	22[illegible]
Store Shares	194.75	6.19	8.12	19[illegible]
Largest financial Shares	220.14	5.95	—	215.5
Largest financial and industrial shares	223.86	5.96	—	220.0
Commodity shares	299.25	4.87	11.98	293.5
Gold Mining Shares	358.42	8.29	10.22	353[illegible]
Industrial Debenture stocks	94.49	9.96*	—	94.[illegible]
Industrial Preference stocks	53.52	12.81*	—	53.4
3½% War Loan	31½	11.13*	—	31⅛

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	227.52 (22.08.78)	60.16 (12.12.74)
1978	227.52 (22.08.78)	184.85 (02.03.78)
1977	222.38 (14.09.77)	131.27 (12.01.77)
1976	171.85 (05.05.76)	113.53 (27.10.76)
1975	156.92 (12.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.28 (25.02.74)	60.16 (12.12.74)
1973	189.53 (12.01.73)	120.59 (14.12.73)

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Broadcasting Guide

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PERSONAL CHOICE

istopher Strauli and Susan Fleetwood as the grown-up tace and Hilda (BBC2, 10.15).

ob Monkhouse, whose geniality is beyond reproach and se *gift for the riposte* is to be envied, is nevertheless not favourite comedian. There is too much of the well-oiled hine about him. But, when he rides in tandem with ie Henderson, as he does once again in their ITV show ght (8.00), Mr Monkhouse is transmogrified. The sharpness ill there, but now one begins to hear the heartbeat, too the alteration makes him likable as well as funny. Henderson must take much of the credit for this; both as ner and *solo performer*, he is the complete entertainer cing, singing, joking) and his talent is patently infectious. et Brown, the best female impersonator in Britain, is also in ght's show.

nless film makers get the ambivalence balance right, had better not try to adapt L. P. Hartley to the screen. They it exactly right in the film of The Go Between. They have ainly captured the elusive quality in Eustace and Hilda C 2 10.15), part two of which takes the strange sister-brother tionship into adult life. The book's period atmosphere is ght to perfection.

ou should enjoy Z Cars while you can. The series, which ns to have been running so long that I sometimes tend to k it was a serious first-cousin of the Keystone Cops, ends its on September 20. It used to be very good, matchless in fact. eems somewhat less good now because, like all pioneering ks, it has been shamelessly plagiarized and now looks almost a shadow of its original self.

The plot outline I have received about The Bastard, to be wn in two parts (part one, ITV, 9.10) makes it out to be le more than an historical romp, spanning Europe and erica. What should help to give it some lustre is the presence Patricia Neal. She has performed the same service in most the films in which she has appeared.

t is Mahler night at the Proms, or rather it will be if you tune nly to part 2 (Radio 3, 8.20) to listen to Das Lied von Erde (soprano Yvonne Minton, tenor Manfred Jung), which *r less of an acquired taste* than the work that takes up t one (7.30), Berg's Violin Concerto, played by Pierre Amoyal the BBC Symphony under Pierre Boulez. If you can get t radio this afternoon listen to the Delius Romance Cello and Piano (Radio 3, 4.05), a heartrending work, to be yed by the brothers Rohan and Druvi de Saram.

am rather surprised that no fanfares have been sounded to claim the arrival on radio of a new *play written by Emlyn* lliams and starring Sir Michael Redgrave. The Power of wn (Radio 4, 3.05) is about the last hour in the life of Tolstoy. play imagines what might have happened if the great man t a young peasant girl just before he joined the immortals.

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BBC 1

6.40 am, Open University (until 7.55): Redling the City; 7.05, Maths: Games theory; 7.30, Learning difficulties. Closedown 7.55.

12.45, News and weather.

1.00, Pebble Mill: Grace and Flavour cookery expert *Michael Smith* is back in the programme. Swimmer Sharon Davies, the golden girl of Edmonton, is interviewed, and she demonstrates her special simulator machine.

1.45, Fingerbobs: fun for the very *young. Closedown 2.00.*

4.20, Play School: Sam the Fisherman, the story by Judy Whitfield.

4.45, Charlie Brown: the lad fares badly in football, but rather better with a beauty queen.

5.10, The Winged Colt: Part 2 of Betsy Byars's book about Comet the colt.

5.35, Ivor the Engine: with Peter Firmin's pleasing pictures.

5.40, The News, with Kenneth Kendall.

5.55, Nationwide: news and views.

6.40, On Broadway with Lena Savaroni: this one won a Belgian TV prize this year. Ballet dancer Wayne Sleep and pop star Paul Nicholas are among the guests of this lively, talented 14-year-old.

7.15, The Superteams: Everton v Ipswich, but the club's clash, though sporty, is strictly non-soccer.

8.15, Z Cars: if the police had heeded a girl's complaints, she would have lived. Tonight's episode: Prey (see Personal Choice).

9.00, Party Political Broadcast, by the Conservative party.

9.10, The News, with Kenneth Kendall.

9.35, Holocaust: last of the four instalments in this American-made series about the Nazis' persecution of the Jews. We learn about the fate of the Weiss family and what finally *happens to the loathsome Erik* Dorf. Though the series has ended, the debate will go on interminably.

11.25, Tonight: Denis Tuohy and Donald MacCormick present tonight's edition.

11.55, Weather and regional news.

BBC 1 variations: Wales: 5.10, Bilidowcar, children's magazine. 6.40, Hediw: topical magazine. 7.20, Pawb yn ei Fro: newspaper quiz. 7.45, On Broadway with Lena Zavaroni.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University (until 7.55): Blade alloy and process; 7.05, The transuranium elements; 7.30, The other tradition. Closedown at 7.55; 9.05, **Charbar:** for Asians, primarily. Items on family quarrels and a stubborn daughter.

9.30, TUC conference.

11.00, Play School: See BBC 1 *for 4.20.*

11.25, TUC conference.

2.15, TUC conference.

4.55, Open University (until 7.00): Curriculum design and development; 5.20, Carbonates; 5.45, Albert Crew's atom; 6.10, Heavy metal tolerance; 6.45, Matters of interpretation.

7.00, News, sub-titled for the hard of hearing.

7.05, Erica on Embroidery; guide to simple stitches. Tonight: bargello.

7.15, An ABC of Music: Antony Hopkins's topic is V for Variations.

7.30, News and weather.

7.45, Gardeners' World; Peter Seabrook takes a second look at Threave Gardens, Castle Douglas. The patio garden item will interest the small gardener.

8.10, Brass Tacks: How America's old age pensioners have organized themselves into a powerful pressure group. Can Britain's OAPs learn something from them?

9.00, Party Political Broadcast; see BBC 1.

9.10, The Much Loved Music Show: the title, I suspect, refers as much to the programme as to the music itself. Music by, among others, Brahms, Dvorak, Elgar, Orff and Tchaikovsky. Owain Arwel Hughes presents and conducts.

10.15, Eustace and Hilda; part two of the L. P. Hartley trilogy, Eustace is at Oxford, Hilda runs a clinic for crippled children. (r). (See Personal Choice.)

11.25, News, weather.

11.35, Story: Mushrooms, by Ted Walker. The reader is Stephen Thorne.

THAMES

9.30, California Today. Film about the Sunshine State.

10.20, Boney: riddle of the murdered geologist (r).

11.10, *No Fence for Baronne:* the Eponymous Heroine is a mare.

11.35, The Practice: American series about a tough doctor.

12.00, Cloppa Castle: puppet series. Elbow sings while Prince Idlebone woos.

12.10 pm, Rainbow: today's emotion is crossness.

12.30, Sounds of Britain: Cotswold poet Frank Mansell and Avon Cities Jazz Band.

1.00, News.

1.20, Platform: viewers' suggestions.

1.30, Crown Court: is Tessa Blackley an incendiary?

2.00, Racing from York.

3.15, Trades Union Congress, from Brighton.

4.20, Potty Time; Michael Bentine and puppets (r).

4.45, Search and Rescue: Ron Moody is the forger who escapes from jail. The film is strong on animals, too.

5.15, Batman: The Riddler has sporting ambitions.

5.45, News.

6.00, ***Best of Kenny's Bits:*** Mr Everett and Captain Kremmen in a special compilation.

6.35, Crossroads: spotlight on Dr Butterworth.

7.00, LingaLongaMax: Mr Bygraves and company with the songs of 1940. First of a new series which will also feature the films, the fashions and the fun of the particular year selected.

7.30, Coronation Street: where should Peter live?

8.00, I'm Bob, He's Dickie: a fastmoving revue. (See Personal *Choice.)*

9.00, Party Political Broadcast (See BBC 1).

9.10, Best Sellers: The Bastard, part 1: Adventure drama against the background of the French Revolution. Patricia Neal is in a *strong cast.* (See Personal Choice.)

10.10, News.

10.40, The Bastard (contd.).

11.25, The New Avengers: Fight to the death in Canada.

12.25, Close: Jane Austen's The History of England, read by Dorothy Tutin.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am, News, weather.
6.10, Farming Today.
6.30, Today.
8.45, A High Wind in Jamaica (3).
9.00, News.
9.05, The Living World.
9.35, Sweet Songs of Zion, hymns.
10.00, News.
10.05, In Britain Now.
10.30, Service.
10.45, Story. Madame Zilensky and *the King of Finland.*
11.00, News.
11.05, The Image Makers. Countries and Causes.
11.50, Letters from Everywhere.
12.00, News.
12.02 pm, You and Yours.
12.27, Share and Share Alike. The Film.
12.55, Weather.
1.00, The World at One.
1.30, The Archers.
1.45, Woman's Hour.
2.45, Listen with Mother.
3.00, News.
3.05, Play. The Power of Dawn (Emlyn Williams).
*3.50, Choral Evensong from Bre*con Cathedral.
4.35, Story. The Sword in the Stone (3).
5.00, PM Reports.
5.40, Serendipity.
5.55, Weather.
6.00, News.
6.30, My Music Quiz†.
7.00, News.
7.05, The Archers.
7.20, Something to Declare. Pleasures and perils of travelling.
8.00, Evening with Sir Geraint Evans.†
9.00, Science Now.
9.30, Kaleidoscope.
9.59, Weather.
10.00, The World Tonight.
10.30, Round Britain Quiz.
11.00, Book at Bedtime. Zorba the Greek (8).
11.15, Financial World Tonight.
11.30, News.
12.20-12.23 am, Inshore Forecast.

VHF: Regional news and weather at 6.50 am, 7.50 am, 12.55 pm, and 5.55 pm.

Radio 3

6.55, Weather.
7.00, News.
7.05, *Your Midweek Choice,* Part 1: Bach, Martini, Mendelssohn, Rachmaninov.
8.00, News.
8.05, Your Midweek Choice, Part 2: Weber, Rossini, Cherubini, Grainger.†
9.00, News.
9.05, *This Week's Composer:* Messiaen.†
9.50, Music for Organ: Bach, Planyavsky, Schmidt.†
10.35, Czech Chamber Music, Part 1: Suk, Janacek. 11.15, Part 2: Dvorak.†
11.55, Bruckner, Symphony No 9.†
1.00 pm, News.
1.05, Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Beethoven; Franck.
2.00, Composers at Schola Cantorum: Gailmant, d'Indy, Séverac, Roussel.†
2.50, Music for harpsichords: Couperin, Soler.†
3.05, Symphonies of William *Alwyn: Alwyn, Tippett, Alwyn.*†
4.05, Northern University Concert, Part 1: Beethoven, Delius, Debussy.†
4.45, Words . . . Talk.
4.50, Concert, Part 2: Young, Chopin.†
5.45, Homeward Bound (mf).
6.05, News (mf only).
6.10, Homeward Bound (cont) (mf).
6.30, Lifelines: Language and Communication (mf).
7.30, Proms, Part 1: Berg.†
8.00, The Arts Worldwide.
8.20, Proms, Part 2: Mahler.†
9.35, Scientifically Speaking: Discussion.
10.20, Concert: Weill, Rosslawetz, Mossolov, Varese†
11.00, Bach on Record (1936).
11.15, Meetings with Thomas Mann: Talk by Ida Herz.
11.45, News.
11.50-11.55, Schubert Song on record.

Radio 3 VHF: 6.00-7.00 am, 5.45-*7.30 pm,* Open University.

Radio 2

5.00 am, News. Weather.
5.02, Tony Brandon including 6.15, Pause for Thought.†
7.32, Ray Moore.†
10.02, Jimmy Young.†
12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk.
12.30, Pete Murray's Open House including 1.45, Spots Desk†
2.30, David Hamilton including 2.45 and 3.45, Sports Desk.†
4.30, Waggoners' Walk.
4.45, *Sports* Desk.
4.50, John Dunn including 5.45, Sports Desk.†
6.40, Party Political Broadcast (Conservative Party).
6.45 Sports Desk.
7.02, Sing Something Simple.†
7.30, Sports Desk.
7.32, Listen to the Band.†
8.15, Semprini Serenade.†
9.02, The Fred Astaire Story, 8: Change Partners.
9.55, Sports Desk.
10.02, Offbeat with Braden.
10.30, Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory.
11.02, Tennis: US Open.
11.06, Brian Matthew introduces Round Midnight.
2.00-2.02 am, News.

Radio 1

5.00 am, As Radio 2.
7.02, Dave Lee Travis.
9.00, Simon Bates including Golden Hour and Meet Your Match.
11.31, Peter Powell including 12.30 pm, Newsbeat.
2.00 pm, Tony Blackburn including National Pop Panel.
4.31, *Kid Jensen including 5.30* Newsbeat: *7.00,* Girl Talk.
7.30, Sports Desk (joins Radio 2).
10.02, Paul Gambaccini.†
12.00-2.02 am, As Radio 2.

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5.00 am, With Radio 2, including 1.55 pm, Good Listening. 10.00, pm, With Radio 1. 12.00-2.02 am, With Radio 2.

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ATV

9.40 am, Something Different. 9.55, Talking Bikes. 10.20, Angling Today. 10.45, *Sport.* 11.10, *Jetsons.* 11.35, Magic Circle. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, You're Only Young Twice. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV today. 6.35, Thames. 11.25, Whicker's World. 12.25 am, Close Down.

Southern

9.30 am, Adventures in Rainbow Country. 9.55, Talking Bikes. 10.20, *Invaders.* 11.05, *Return to Planet of Apes.* 11.30, Nature of Things. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Adventures of Captain Nemo. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, Scene. 7.00, Thames. 11.15, News Extra. 11.25, Shannon's Mob. 12.25 am, Weather.

HTV

9.55, Talking Bikes. 10.20, *Sesame Street.* 11.20, Betty Boop. 11.30, World Worth Keeping. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Report West. 1.25, Report Wales. 1.30, Thames. 4.45, Gene Machine. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, Thames. 11.25, New Avengers. 12.20 am, Weather.
HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.20 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.20, Miri Mawr. 4.30, Un Tro. 6.00, Y Dydd. 10.10, News. HTV WEST: As HTV except: 1.20 pm, Report West. 6.15, Report West.

Tyne Tees

9.25 am, The Good Word. 9.30, Who's Afraid of Opera. 9.55-10.20, Animated Classics. 11.35, Inner Space. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15 Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 11.25, The Practice. 11.55, Epilogue.

Granada

9.30 am, Sesame Street. 10.25, Film: Cyborg 2087 (Michael Rennie). 11.45, *Handful of Songs. 12.00, Thames.* 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.10, What's New. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada News. 6.30, Cuckoo Waltz. 7.00, Thames. 11.25, Survival Special. 12.30 am, Close Down.

Westward

10.05 am, Out of Town. 10.35, Meet Marie Gordon Price. 11.00, History of Europe. 11.30, Sandokan. 12.00, Thames. 12.27 pm, Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30, Thames. 1.20, News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 10.38, News. 10.40, Thames. 11.25, George Hamilton IV. 11.50, Faith for Life. 11.55, Close Down.

Anglia

9.30 am, Child Life in Other Lands. 9.55, Talking Bikes. 10.20, Little House on the Prairie. 11.05, Canada—Five Portraits. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 11.25, Chopper Squad. 12.20 am, The Big Question.

Grampian

9.25 am, First Thing. 9.30, Canada at War. 9.55, Talking Bikes. 10.25, Film: Lucky Jim (Ian Carmichael, Terry-Thomas). 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.10, Police Newsroom. 6.15, Cartoons. 6.35, Thames. 11.25, Barnaby Jones. 12.20 am, Reflections. 12.25, Headlines. 12.30, Close Down.

Border

9.35 am, Film: Taming of the Shrew (Elizabeth Taylor). 11.35, The Beach*combers. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm,* News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Gambit. 5.45, News. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, Thames. 11.25, Power Without Glory. 12.20 am, News. 12.23, Closedown.

Yorkshire

9.30 am, Film. Heavens Above! (Peter Sellers). 11.25, Cartoons. 11.35, The Lost Islands. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Gambit. 5.45, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Thames. 11.25, Elaine, The Singer of the Song. 11.55, Closedown.

Ulster

11.05 am, Mixed Foursomes. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 4.18, Headlines. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Reports. 6.35, Bob Newhart Show. 7.00, Thames. 11.25, Look and See. 11.40, Bedtime. 11.50, Close Down.

Channel

1.18 pm, Lunchtime News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, News. 6.10, Coastguards. 6.35, Thames. 9.00, Vision U.S.A. 9.10, Thames. 10.38, News. 10.42, Thames. 11.25, *George Hamilton IV.* 12.20 am, News in French.

Scottish

9.55 am, Talking Bikes. 10.25, A Matter of Fat. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30 Sounds of Britain. 7.00, Thames. 11.25, Late Call. 11.30, Police Surgeon. 12.00, Close Down.

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CLARK.—On 26th August, at Farnborough Hospital, to Marlory (nee Inman) and Philip, a son, James Richard.

CLATWORTHY.—On 5th September, at St. Heliers Hospital, Carshalton, to Bill and Margaret—a daughter.

COMBE.—On 5th September, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Elizabeth (nee Taylor) and Michael—a son (Charles).

DONALDSON.—On 25th August to Loretta (nee Nugent) and Richard—a daughter (Julie Elizabeth).

FITZGERALD O'CONNOR. — On August 30th at Guys Hospital, to Angela and Alec—a son (Edmund James), a brother for Isobel and Geraldine.

GRANT.—On September 1st, at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, to Fiona (nee Mackenzie) and Robert—a daughter.

JAMES.—On September 3rd at the John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford, to Charlotte (nee Green) and Nicholas a daughter Katherine Elizabeth Anne.

LAWSON.—On August 25th, 1978, in Hongkong, to Gillian (nee Hayward) and Ross, a son.

PHILLIPS.—On 4th September, at The John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Jane (nee Mitchell) and Charles—a daughter.

SAIKES.—On 5th September to Helen and Tim—a son.

RUTTER.—On September 4th, to Susan (nee Jackson) and Michael, a son Thomas Robert Digby.

WARNOCK.—On 23rd August to Moira (nee Brady) and Peter, a daughter, Nicola Kate.

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BLUNT.—On September 4th by Dianna (nee Offutt) and Julian, a daughter Emma-Lale; now five months.

SANDS.—On Sept 4th by Susan and Martin Sands, a daughter (Maria Andrea) aged 4 years.

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HOPKIN : RICOUR.—On September 6th, 1938, at Marcq-en-Baroeul (Nord), France, Bryan to Renée, now living in Wales.

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HOOPER : ASH.—On September 6th, 1928, at Church of Assumption, Deptford, London, Walter to Mary.

MOORE : HOLLINS.—On September 6th, 1928, at Esher Parish Church, Reginald Moore to Mary Braithwaite Hollins. Present address: 22 Correnden Rd., Tonbridge, Kent.

DEATHS

ASHWORTH.—On September 4th, peacefully in Epsom District Hospital, Harold Kenneth, T.D., F.F.A.R.C.S., aged 75 years, of 1 Quelland, Beverley Close, East Ewell, Surrey. Formerly of Charing Cross Hospital. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey, on 8th September at 12 noon. No flowers or mourning, but a happy remembrance toast, by his request.

BARKWORTH.—On 4th September, 1978, Janet, widow of Julian and mother of John and Jeremy peacefully and suddenly at her new home at Winterborne, Kingston. Enquiries, David R. Cherrett, Funeral Director, 10 Market Place, Blandford, Forum, Dorset. Tel.: Blandford 53295.

BATES.—On September 2nd, peacefully, in hospital, Hilda Frances, beloved wife of John Darlington Bates. Funeral at Croydon Crematorium tomorrow (Thursday, September 7th) at 3.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to J. B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67, George St., Croydon. Please, no letters.

BENSON.—On 3rd September 1978, after a short illness, Bill, loving husband of Bobbie, father of Jane and Ann, grandfather of Katherine and William.

BYRNE.—On September 4th, 1978, John Bowden Byrne, of Brunswick Square, Hove. Requiem Mass at Farm Street R.C. Church, London, W.1. on Monday, September 11th, at 10 a.m. No flowers, but donations to Ex-patients Funds, Jamieson Ward St. Bernards Hospital, Southall, Middlesex.

DICKS.—On 1st Sept., 1978, peacefully in hospital, Maud, beloved wife of the late Henry Victor Dicks. Loving and cherished mother of Ursula Millett, Gillian Higson-Smith, Anthony and Adrian, and grandmother of Lucinda, Piers, Marcus, Justin and Amanda. Funeral at Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, N.W.3. at 3.15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6th, followed by private cremation. Please, no flowers.

FINDLAY.—On 2nd September 1978, aged 84, peacefully at a London nursing home, Gilbert Barham Findlay, O.B.E., late of The Baltic Exchange, loved father of James (Buenos Aires), Greta and Jane, grandfather and great-grandfather. Cremation service at Bedford Chapel, Golders Green, on Friday, 8th September at 3.15 p.m. No letters or flowers please. Donations if desired, to The Baltic Exchange Benevolent Society.

FLETCHER.—On September 4th, 1978, at Lyme Green Hall Private Nursing Home, Macclesfield, Cheshire, Cynthia Mary aged 81 years, formerly Filkins, Oxfordshire, widow of Reverend R. F. W. Fletcher and dear mother of Christopher. Funeral Thursday, September 7th, service and committal at Macclesfield Crematorium, 3.30 p.m. Enquiries to Hooley and Watson, Macclesfield 22774.

GALE.—At the home of his daughter in Edinburgh, Suddenly on the 4th Sept., 1978, Arthur James Victor Gale (formerly of "Nature") beloved husband of Gwendoline, 12 Hamilton House, Upperton Road, Eastbourne, Sussex. Funeral private.

GOUGH.—On 5th September, 1978, Constance Phyllis Gough, widow of Dr. J. H. Harley Gough, late of Chichester. Much loved mother and grandmother and greatest friend. Cremation noon, Chichester crematorium, Friday, 8th September. Flowers please to Edward White and Son, 5, South Pallant, Chichester.

HEADING, RUTH (ANGELA), of St Monica, Bristol, and late of Oakhill, Wimbledon, and of St. Bridgets, Bexhill, on 2nd September, 1978. Requiem Mass at St. Monica, at 9.40 a.m., on 7th September, followed by funeral service at All Saints' Church, Clifton, at 10.45 a.m., and cremation at Canford. Family flowers only, donations to USPG, c/o the Rector, All Saints' Church, Clifton, Bristol.

HEELEY.—On September 3rd, peacefully at home, John Mark, loving, husband of Betty and loving father of Louise Anna Sarah and Mark. We knew you had to leave us but we shall miss you so very much. Cremation private, family flowers only. Donations please to Cancer Research. A memorial meeting at Friends Meeting House Church Leys, Harlow on Tuesday, 13th September, 3.00 p.m.

HODSON.—On September 2nd 1978, Margaret Hodson, aged 88 years, of 34 Arlington Road, Eastbourne, Sussex. Sister of Geoffrey and Eric Hodson. Cremation at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday, September 8th at 3 p.m. No flowers please.

KENYON-BELL, JOHN MITCHELL (Captain, Royal Signals retired) on 5th September, 1978, aged 57 years, of Hellidon near Daventry. Beloved husband of Hildegard and devoted father of Christa Andrew and Mark. Funeral service will be held at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Hellidon, at 12 noon, on Saturday, September 9th. Any enquiry to John Ward and Son, Bugbrooke. Tel: North Hampton 830438.

KER.—On 4th September, at a Nursing home in Bath, peacefully after a short illness, Mavis Ker, widow of John Stanley Ker, of The Manor House, Colerne, Chippenham, and dear sister of Grizel Paterson, 109, Coombe Lane West, Kingston-upon-Thames. Funeral at Colerne Parish Church, Friday, 8th September at 1 o'clock. No flowers, no letters please. Cremation private.

LUDERS de NEGRI.—On September 1st, 1978, peacefully in her sleep, Vera beloved wife of the late Gustavo Luders de Negri. Funeral service will be held at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday, September 6th at 1.45 p.m. Family flowers only please.

MAHER.—On 4th Sept. 1978, in hospital, Herbert of 5 Lee Court, Longley Lane, Northenden, Manchester, beloved husband of the late Lilian and much loved father of Terry and Alan. Requiem Mass in St Anthony Parish Church, Woodhouse Pk, on Friday, 8 Sept, at 11 a.m., and afterwards committal at the Manchester Crematorium. Enquiries to Messrs Kendal Milne & Co, Tel.: 061-832 3414.

MANDER.—On 2nd September, 1978, John Geoffrey Gryllis, of 6 Duncan Terrace, N.1, after a long illness endured with courage. Beloved husband of Penny, son of Rosalie and the late Geoffrey Mander, brother of Anthea Lahr and *half-brother of* Elizabeth. Funeral service at 11 a.m., Friday, September 8th, at St. Vedast, Foster Lane, E.C.2. No flowers.

MILLAR.—On September 2nd suddenly and peacefully, in a hospital in Dorset, Patricia (Pat), former Oxford midwife. Funeral service at Stratton Parish Church, Friday, 8th Sept. at 1.15 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to the Guide Dogs for the Blind. Any further enquiries to Grassby & Son, Dorchester 2358.

OLDROYD.—On 3rd September, 1978, Harold Oldroyd, M.A., of 88 Park Avenue East, Ewell, Surrey, beloved husband of Joan and father of David. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, on Thursday, 7th September, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only please.

OLIVER, LT.-COL. SAMPSON BUCKTHOUGHT HOOTON, O.B.E., T.D.—After a short illness on August 29th, 1978. Loving husband of Nora Constance and revered father of Audrey and Maureen and grandfather of children, greatgrandfather of Rupert. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday, 7th September, at 2 p.m. Flowers to T. H. Sanders & Son, 35 Barnes High St., S.W.13.

POCOCK, MAURICE STUART, aged 81, of Turn Much, Narcot Lane, Chalfont St. Peter, *peacefully, on* Monday 4th September. A wonderful husband, father, and grandfather, friend and counsellor to many. Cremation at Amersham at 4 p.m. and memorial meeting at the Quaker Meeting House, Geordens, at 6 p.m. on Friday, the 8th. Cut flowers only please or donations to the S.O.S. Society, 14 Culford Gardens, London, SW3 2SU.

POWELL.—On Monday, 4th Sep., peacefully at Winchester, Gertrude (Gen) Winby Powell, aged 86, widow of Barnaby. Funeral, All Saints' Church, Farringdon, Hants, 2.30, Friday.

SMILEY.—On 1st September, Dame Valerie Smiley, aged 95, wife of the late Major Sir John Smiley, 2nd Bt., and youngest daughter of Sir Claude Champion de Crespigny, 4th Bt. Cremation private. No letters.

STEPHENS SPINKS.—On September 4th, 1978, in hospital and of 13 Lindale Avenue, Bolton, the Rev Dr Alfred George Stephens Spinks, aged 74 years, the beloved husband of Annie Stephens Spinks. Service at St Michael's Church, Great Lever, Bolton, at 11.15 a.m. on Monday, September 11th prior to committal at Overdale Crematorium, Bolton at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to: Bramhalls Funeral Service, Bolton. Tel.: Bolton 27705.

TINSON.—On Sept. 1st, peacefully, Marjorie Rose Houssemayne, aged 92, widow of Commander C. W. Tinson, O.B.E. Much loved by all her family. A service at Colchester Crematorium at 12.30 p.m. Monday, 11th Sept. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, Great Bromley, Essex.

WARNE.—On 3rd September, Rose Annie (nee Dodd), widow of Alec, peacefully at home, aged 90 years. Funeral at 11 a.m. on Friday, 8th Sept., at West London Crematorium.

WOOLACOTT.—On 3rd September in Lymington Hospital, Olive Emily, peacefully after a long illness. Funeral at St. Marks, Highcliffe on Thursday, Sept. 7th at 2.30. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

AMBLER.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Geoffrey Hill Ambler, will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Tuesday, 12th Sept., at 12.30 p.m. No mourning.

BAKER, ALICE WILHELMINE (nee Hainsworth), mother of Richard and Charles Arnold-Baker, grandmother of James, Patrick, Katharine, Henry, and Antonia. A Memorial Service will be held at Farsley Baptist Church, Yorkshire, on Saturday, 9th September, at 12.15 p.m. followed by interment of ashes in the Hainsworth family vault. Friends welcome.

CASSERLEY. A requiem will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Rev Dr Julian V. Langmead Casserley, M.A., D.Lit., F.K.C., at the Church of St Augustine of Canterbury, Queen Gate, S. Kensington, London, S.W.7. at 12.00 noon on Friday, 8th September the day of the interment of Fr Casserley's Ashes at Christchurch, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, U.S.A.

GREEN.—A memorial service for His Honour Judge Green, will be held on Friday, 15th September at 2 p.m. at Worcester Cathedral.

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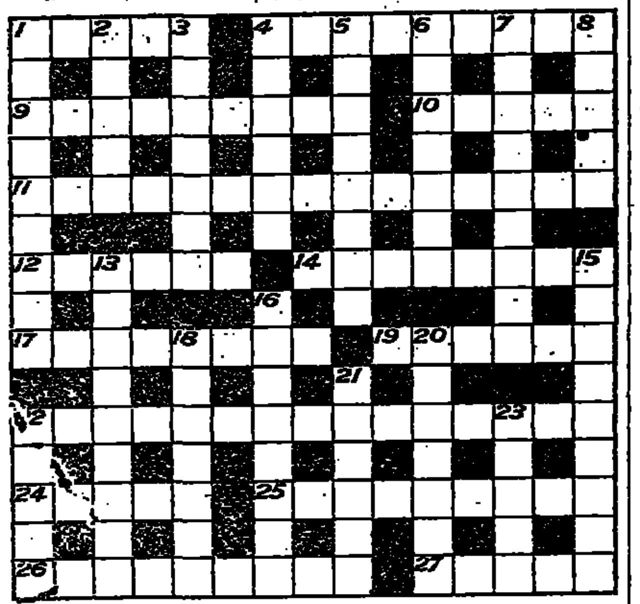

ACROSS
1 Junior put in control of this boom ? (5).
4 Attractive piece the local blonde (3-6).
9 Unfortunate oil-men led astray (3-6).
10 Bondman of some importance (5).
11 It maintains the writer's point (6-9).
12 Reprimand for putting things in space (6).
14 Sing getting out of bed, or making a score (8).
17 It's dead under the knocker (8).
19 Sticky colour ? (6).
22 Arrange night drug, please (8-7).
24 Open-mouthed at a love-feast (5).
25 Movingly picturesque (9).
26 Columns latest in seaside features (9).
27 Pearl formations known by experts (5).

DOWN
1 Shod as Hesper and Pantaloon (9).
2 Patently worn by many long legs (5).
3 Get together at home in the valley (7).
4 " A night that should——all sin ". (Godwin) (6).
5 Free hop ? Good ! Welcome relief (8).
6 Possibly synonyms of assistance to the theatre (7).
7 Nobody's given a ninety-ton order (9).
8 The Irish miss his reformation of them (6).
13 Hazardous giving girl next-door a ring (5, 4).
15 Armouries to accommodate *barrels* (3-6).
16 Learner in boat gets top decoration (8).
18 Sleepy-heads (7).
20 French physicist mixes his water with rum ? Right . . . (7).
21 . . : while he takes soda in a cocktail (6).
22 Basis of hair-raising activity (5).
23 Arise and organize (3, 2).

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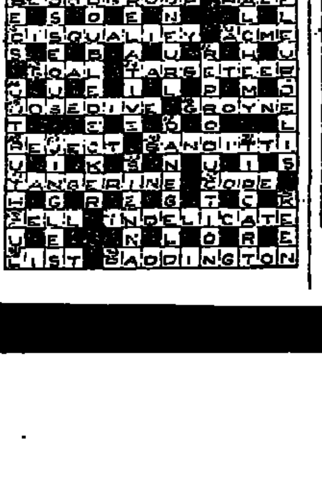

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